

NEWS SUMMARY

French get lamb spraying protest

The Government formally protested yesterday to France about the illegal seizure of 300 British lambs at Parduys, near Poitiers (John Young writes).

Irish fear N-plants

More than half the people in Northern Ireland consider nuclear power stations are dangerous, while just 5 per cent view them as safe, a survey published yesterday discloses.

Lost fees warning

Independent schools could lose pupils and revenue as a result of the Government's technology colleges scheme, an education expert predicted yesterday.

Sealink dispute over

The Sealink ferry dispute ended yesterday with the National Union of Seafarers accepting a reduced number of jobs and redundancy of up to £30,000 for its members.

Currie on smoking

Mrs Edwina Currie, junior health minister, said yesterday that smokers "should give up and bite their nails instead".

Report on guns issue

Mr Peter Wright, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, is to report to his police committee after the shooting incident involving Mr Ian Wood, a Sheffield solicitor.

Stalker case man accuses police chief

Mr James, Chief Constable for Greater Manchester, is to face charges of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. The charges are being made in a private prosecution by Mr Kevin Taylor, the businessman who was at the centre of the John Stalker affair.

It is nearly two months since Mr Stalker was reinstated as deputy chief constable, after being cleared of discrediting the police. The charges against Mr Anderson were disclosed yesterday at the beginning of a High Court action by Mr Taylor to be allowed to see internal police documents used to obtain a search warrant against him.

Taylor's claim that Manchester police have behaved improperly towards him. In a sworn affidavit read to the High Court, Mr Taylor said he had been friends with Mr Stalker since they were neighbours in 1972.

Hurd wants EEC help in war on drug trafficking

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, determined to win EEC support for a new drive against drug trafficking and organized crime.



PC Andrew Tomlinson, who tackled man with knife.

Judge praises courage of police 'supermen'

Two London policemen were described as "supermen" by a judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the way they tackled a "very dangerous" man wielding a carving knife.

Officials at the Home Office have been meeting their counterparts from other EEC countries this week to draw up a range of measures which will be discussed by the European interior ministers in London next Monday.

Wapping police 'preserve rights'

Mr Hurd told Metropolitan Police officers yesterday that their role during the Wapping dispute had been widely misrepresented (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

Warning by BBC to Tory critics

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter. The BBC hit back last night at party political criticism of its operations when Lord Barnett, vice-chairman, warned MPs that if they were not careful they could destroy the corporation.

Militant tries to oust MP

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter. The Labour Party faced new embarrassment over the Militant Tendency last night as one of its longest-serving MPs promised to fight off a resignation demand from his Militant-infiltrated local party.

Prisoner in labour 'locked-up in cell'

Miss Lynne Marsland, the mother of a baby who died while she was serving a prison sentence, told an inquest yesterday that she was locked in a cell while suffering severe labour pains.

Hours later she was told she was being taken to Whittington Hospital, but claims she had to wait another hour and 30 minutes at Holloway Prison for transport.

Miss Lynne Marsland, aged 30, of Clare Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, told the jury at St Pancras Coroner's Court that she believed the reason for the delay was lack of staff.

Ordinance sell-off criticized

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent. Royal Ordnance, the state-owned arms maker, should not be sold to the private sector, but should remain an essential manufacturing defence for Britain, according to a report published yesterday.

Falcon chicks smuggled in shirt pockets

Customs men heard birds tweeting when they searched smugglers bringing rare eggs into Britain, a court was told yesterday.

Takeover rumour

Christie's is fairly well defended, although it is considered likely to change during the next year or so. The defence was built into the share structure when Christie's went public in 1973.

Christie's denies challenge

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent. Christie's, the world's second largest art auctioneer, yesterday swatted a suggestion that it might be taken over by Phillips, which occupies third place, as if the latter company was an impertinent mosquito.

Christie's is fairly well defended, although it is considered likely to change during the next year or so. The defence was built into the share structure when Christie's went public in 1973. The "A" shares, largely owned by directors of the firm and their families, are required to vote as a block and own 32.5 per cent of the company.

Correction

The photograph on page 24 in later editions yesterday showed a security officer, not a Customs official as stated, examining passports.

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I still love girl who carried time bomb, Jordanian tells court

Nezar Hindawi, a Jordanian journalist, declared his love yesterday for the girl he is alleged to have used as a human time bomb in an attempt to blow up an El Al aircraft leaving Heathrow.

He had discussed drug smuggling with a man he met while on a trip to Syria

In April, He still denies trying to blow up the aircraft. He told the court that he had never been allowed to talk to his girl friend or see her since his arrest.

Mr Hindawi said he had been a journalist all his life, and had written for a newspaper in Jordan, and was the British correspondent for El-Arab.

Mr Hindawi said that he went to Syria in January 1985 to report on the conference of the Afro-Arab Unity Association.

He told her he would meet her and they would get married in Jordan

Mr Hindawi told the jury the man asked him if he knew anyone with a European passport, explaining it would be better to have a European one for smuggling purposes.

Mr Hindawi told the jury Dandesh had also given him about \$15,000. When he returned to England, he said Miss Murphy saw the money while in her room in London.

in Syria. "I also received the bag here in London. It had wheels with handles and zips and was reddish brown.

Second man jailed for high-tech sales

The second British businessman in two days to be sent to jail for selling banned high technology equipment to Soviet bloc countries was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment yesterday.

Multi-race theatre for Bristol

The Bristol Old Vic is to form a multi-racial theatre company, only weeks after racial disturbances in the city.

Mr Leon Rubin, the theatre's new artistic director, said he hoped that the venture would help to bring together the various local communities in a theatrical environment.

Man is being questioned on London rapes

A Scotland Yard squad set up to hunt a multiple sex attacker dubbed "the Putney rapist" arrested a man in London yesterday and were questioning him last night.



All that stands between the prize lobsters of North Wales and a disastrous decline are a pair of soft brown eyes and some engineer's callipers (Michael McCarthy writes).

Both belong to Miss Greta Jones, the fishery officer for the Lleya peninsula in Gwynedd, who is photographed patrolling the beaches. She is an uncommon woman with a degree in medieval Welsh history, a great love of the open air and an even greater responsibility for the fish of the sea, all the way from Bangor round to Barmouth.



They are definitely declining, she says. "No one is quite sure why. But at least we can make sure that the EEC's lower size limits are strictly observed."

Miss Jones checks sizes precisely with a pair of engineer's callipers she carries. In her four years as fishery officer she has brought several prosecutions (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Increase in heart attacks

The number of patients treated for high blood pressure almost doubled in the past 15 years and those who suffered heart attacks rose by 14 per cent. There was also an increase of nearly 70 per cent in the number of cases of gout during the same period.

Other diseases on the increase during the past 15 years included an 85 per cent rise in asthma, 79 per cent in hay fever and 57 per cent in diabetes.

Bamber was calm after bodies found

An hour after being told by police of the slaughter of five members of his family Jeremy Bamber announced he was starving and cooked himself a breakfast of fried bacon, toast and coffee, a crown court was told yesterday.

Police, who had accompanied him to his home five miles from the scene of the killings at White House Farm in Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex, on August 7 last year, said he appeared calm and even jovial later on.

Yesterday they heard statements allegedly made by Mr Bamber, aged 25, to the police before and after his arrest.

Middle path in ale choice

Beer tasters from the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), have diplomatically avoided arguments between the North and South in this year's best beer awards.

Dream voyage with Disney touch

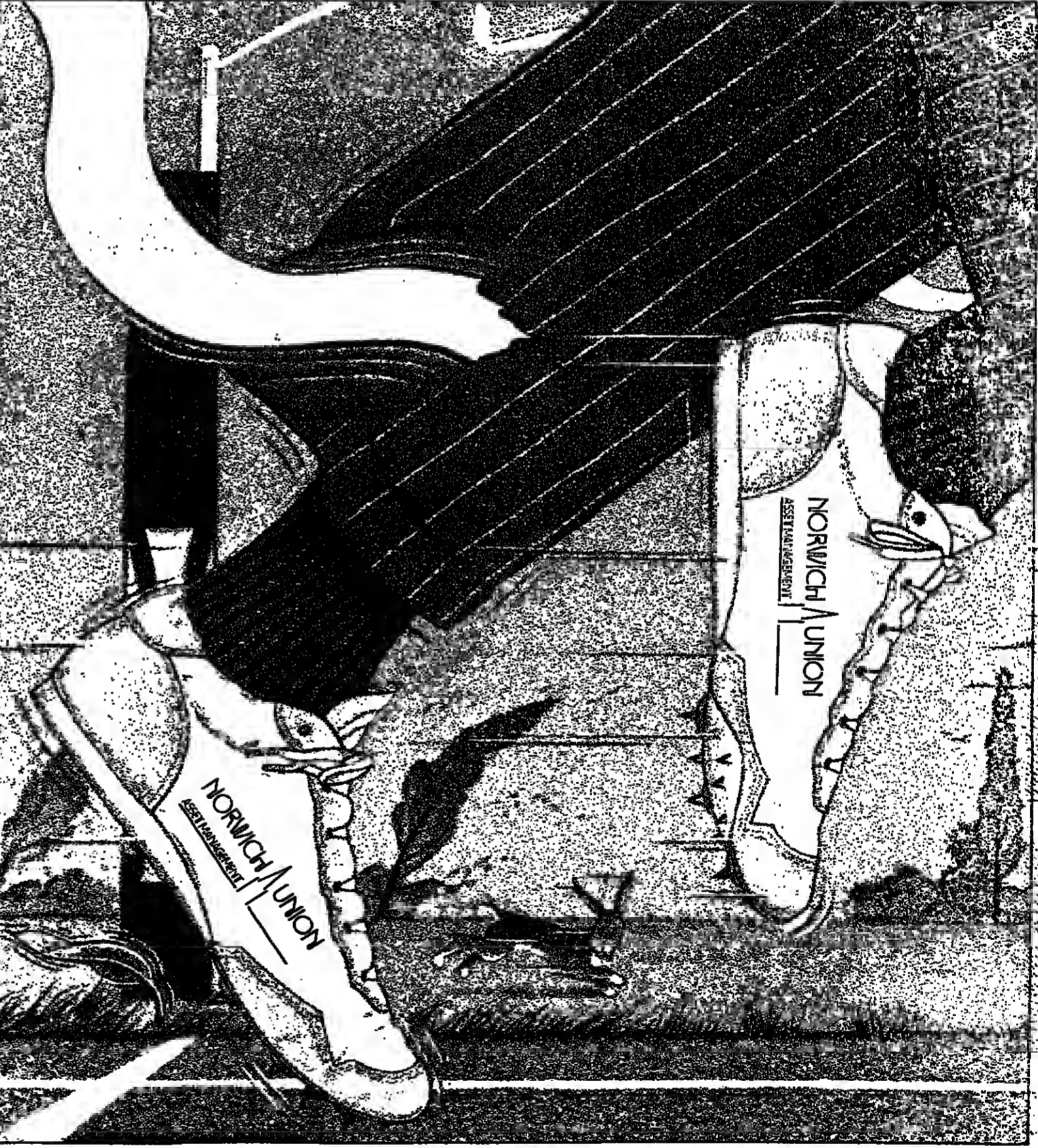
A bored Belgian teenager took a 23ft ferry boat from a port in Cornwall, and set sail for America to fulfil a dream, a court was told yesterday.

Backlog of debt cases

Creditors are resorting to do-it-yourself justice to collect debts because of impatience with court delays, according to Civil Service union leaders (Frances Gibb writes).

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Health service review scheme to take in all management

By Jill Sherman

The National Health Service performance review system, recently announced for Britain's 800 general managers, is to be extended to cover 50,000 health service management staff during the next three years.

Mr Len Peach, the newly appointed chief executive of the NHS management board, said yesterday that the pay related scheme should cover all management staff, including domestic and catering supervisors.

The review is linked with five pay bands, which will enable a general manager to get a 20 per cent pay rise over five years, if he achieves or exceeds his objectives. Managers on the fifth band - "unsatisfactory" - will not get the annual pay award.

Addressing a conference held by the Institute of Health Services Management, Mr Peach said that he would also like to see doctors opt for the same system. "Junior doctors have said that they don't get sufficient feedback on their performance," he said.

"I would like to think professional groups will be asking for this extension."

The system involves giving managers specific targets. Each manager is regularly reviewed by the person with whom the objectives are set. There is also a second level assessment by a "grandparent" figure, to provide a degree of equity. For example, the district general manager will be reviewed by the district chairman with the regional general manager as the grandparent.

Mr Peach said yesterday: "Many groups have criticized the scheme saying only 800 people are going to gain. Let us test it on the 800 first. If it works then there is the opportunity to spread it to other people."

At present the pay of other health service staff, apart from those covered by pay review bodies, such as doctors and nurses, is annually negotiated through the Whitley Council.

Mr Douglas Hague, president of the Institute of Health Services Management, criticized the banding system. He said it was based on "total success" and ignored the fact that general managers were in the risk business and were bound to have failures.



Three local organizers of the Beautiful Britain in Bloom competition, Mr Roy Hawking, Mrs Marion Pratt (centre) and Mrs Jean Hodge, of Sampford Courtenay, Devon, which was yesterday awarded the small village trophy by Princess Anne. The event is organized by the Keep Britain Tidy Group (Photograph: John Manning)

Deaths prompt new rules for toys and bunks

By David Cross

The Government is to ban long-haired toys, after the death of a baby who swallowed nylon hairs from a horse which had been made in Taiwan. It is also to introduce new safety rules for bunk beds to stop children from trapping their heads between rails.

Mr Michael Howard, a minister at the Department of Trade and Industry, said that there had recently been "a proliferation of toys with hair, some of which are badly made and present a potential choking hazard to very young children."

The new legislation would prohibit the supply of toys with hair of more than 40mm in length if they failed a test on hair retention.

But because the new rules were unlikely to come into effect until next summer at the earliest, Mr Howard called on suppliers and parents to exercise extreme vigilance, particularly during the pre-Christmas spending spree.

Four days before Christmas last year, Alexander Kentwell, aged five months, from Leeds, died after strands from the mane of a musical toy caught in his throat.

Outlining his plans for safer bunk beds, Mr Howard said there were models on the market with guard rails which were too far apart. There had been accidents, some of them fatal, in which children, mostly aged between two and six, had slipped through and trapped their heads.

Ministers hoping to build on Reykjavik talks

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government did not regard the meeting in Reykjavik between President Reagan and the Gorbachev as a failure and what had been achieved, Lady Young, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said in a statement to the House of Lords.

She said that Reykjavik had not been originally designed as a forum for the conclusion of major arms control agreements. That both sides used it to get so close to that goal was proof of the value of the meeting and of the commitment to progress of the United States and the Soviet Union.

The unity of the Atlantic Alliance had been a major factor in bringing the Soviet Union to the negotiating table and in impelling it so far down the road towards arms control agreements, its unity would not be affected by the outcome at Reykjavik.

In reply to questions, she said that Mrs Thatcher had made it clear to Mr Gorbachev that she looked forward to visiting the Soviet Union in the first half of next year and that the outcome of the summit did not affect this. A date was still to be discussed.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Opposition peers, said that the whole world was acutely interested and deeply involved. As the summit had developed it had become plain that it was far more than preparatory, paving the way to a conference in Washington. Far reaching proposals of an encouraging kind had been on the table.

Remarkable progress appeared to have been made in a short time and that was why news of failure was so profound a disappointment to everyone. It seemed a glorious and historic chance had been missed.

Now the mood seemed to have changed again from one of despair to one of modest hope. "Let us hope we are not grasping at straws," he said, "but that President Reagan and Mr Gorbachev now appear to be saying that Reykjavik was not a failure."

Would Lady Young confirm that the situation was now fluid and that the Government's clear objective should be to work strenuously for some constructive outcome?

Would the Government undertake to press for some of the Reykjavik proposals to be transferred to Geneva for early and detailed discussion? Was this not the view of Britain's European Neighbours? Did Mr Karpov, the Soviet negotiator at the Geneva talks, tell the Prime Minister that agreement could be reached on medium-range missiles independently of the SDI argument which seemed to have stultified agreement at the summit?

Was there clear evidence that the Russians were working on their own SDI and if so why was it not brought to the conference table? Why had the Soviet Union not been pressed to make disclosures in the same detail and in the same manner as the United States?

Were there any specific undertakings on human rights and Afghanistan?

What were the present prospects for a summit meeting in Washington?

Was the Prime Minister intending to visit Washington for discussions with President Reagan, and if so what would be the main objectives?

Lord Kennet, for the Alliance, refused to admit discussion on his freedom to test and deploy SDI, had announced his intention to denounce the anti-ballistic missile treaty.

If the Government was now to back Mr Reagan's belief that testing of SDI was worth the loss of an agreement, would it spell out what it saw as the apparently overwhelming benefit for Europe and the world?

They had to develop a proper European foreign and defence policy which could allow Britain to be present at negotiations affecting British lives.

Lady Young said the negotiations at Geneva should continue so that there could be further progress towards agreement. It would not be appropriate for her to go into detail on what Mr Karpov had said in London.

The position was that the Russians had agreed at the Geneva summit that a deal on intermediate-range missiles could and should be negotiated without reference to strategic weapons or to space issues. The Government would confirm the commitment to a separate agreement.

There had been Soviet research programmes since the sixties on anti-ballistic missile defences around Moscow. They were the only type in existence in the world and they were being upgraded.

On Afghanistan, the most helpful move by the Soviet Union would be a rapid and complete withdrawal.

So far the prospects for a further Washington summit were not clear, but they hoped that Mr Gorbachev would pick up the outstanding invitation to visit the United States this year. She was not in a position to comment on Mrs Thatcher's plans to travel to Washington, but they were in constant touch with their American allies on this as with many other issues.

New Peer

Lord Deedes, formerly Sir William Deedes, editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, was introduced to the House of Lords.

Parliament today

Lords (3): Financial Services Bill, report stage.

Government defeated on health amendment

The Government was defeated for the hundredth time since 1979 in the House of Lords when an amendment removing Crown immunity for health and safety legislation from health authorities was carried by 110 votes to 86 - a majority against the Government. 24.

The amendment to the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill was moved by Lord Ennals (Lab) who welcomed the Government decision, incorporated in the Bill, that hospital kitchens should no longer be covered by Crown immunity but said that that did not go far enough.

There was little logic in dealing only with kitchens and catering departments when other major parts of the NHS would still be granted Crown immunity. That was anomalous and the present opportunity should be taken to resolve the position. The largest national health service in the world should not be outside health and safety legislation.

Lady Truningham, Under Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said that it was neither the one nor the other in an attempt to deal with Crown immunity.

Hospital authorities were already required to comply with health and safety legislation and there were adequate safeguards to ensure that they did.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) asked whether, if this was the wrong time and the wrong Bill, had the Government got it in mind to do it or something like it in future?

Lord Deans said he felt the same unease as Lord Boyd-Carpenter and asked whether there was any reason to distinguish between private hospitals and the NHS.

Lady Truningham said: "If we start mucking about with Crown immunity on a piecemeal, ad hoc basis, as we go along, it needs far more consultation."

Lord Ennals said it might be on Lady Truningham's conscience if Crown immunity were not removed and something happened.

Hallowe'en import frightening old people

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The House of Lords yesterday went straight from the silent reverence of their own customs - the introduction of a new peer with all the ancient robes solemnity - to the almost equally solemn consideration of the reimportation from America of the custom of "trick or treat", which increasingly marks Hallowe'en nowadays instead of the turnip parties of yesteryear.

In good time for Hallowe'en, on October 31, Viscount St David asked what was the legal status of the "recently imported Hallowe'en trick-or-treat custom of demanding money on threat of playing a nasty trick, now being used by youths to obtain money from old people and others".

The new Minister of State at the Home Office, the Earl of Calthness, admitted that there was no law against the custom, as such, and raised what passes for a cheer in the upper House when he added that it would be exaggerated to introduce one.

It turned out that it was also unnecessary because the new Public Order Bill was about to outlaw the more extreme manifestations of

trick or treat by making it an offence to use threatening or disorderly behaviour which caused harassment, alarm or distress.

Lord St David thought that a very good answer because old people could say "No" to demands for a "Penny for the guy" but found it difficult when they might then have a trick played on them.

His concern extended to the perpetrators of the tricks, too. They were not just teenagers, he said, but very small children who were going round the streets late at night and going into strange houses. Ask the education authorities to discourage it, he told the minister.

But the minister, himself a father of two, was having none of that: approach the parents and remind them of their responsibilities was his advice. Hallowe'en was still often being observed with a sense of humour and he was all in favour of that.

He told Lord Mishcon that while he had heard no complaints about trick or treat from the police, Age Concern and some MPs had raised the matter with the Home Office.

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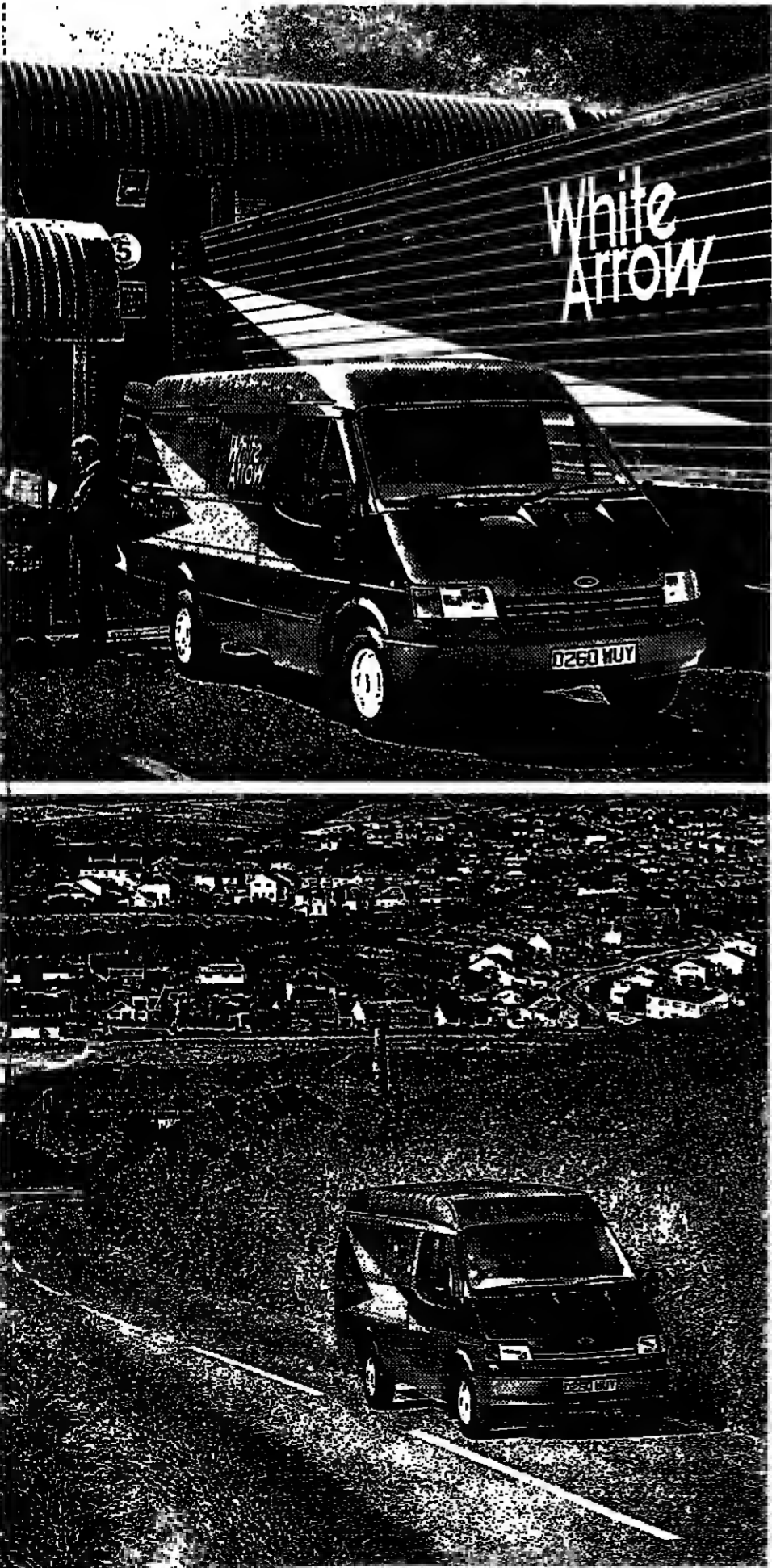
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Cut-price air travel for companies guaranteed by change in the rules

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent.

Firms which send their employees on regular business trips abroad will soon be able to demand discounts from travel agents on the cost of air tickets. They will also be able to negotiate direct with the airlines if they are dissatisfied with the deal offered.

The Civil Aviation Authority wants bulk discounts to be available on all international fares, with the benefit being passed to the customer rather than the travel agent.

Travel agents, who now get up to 10 per cent commission on any air ticket they sell, are to fight the plans, which are due to take effect in three weeks.

At present, airlines can give discounts only to travel agents and may not, under international law, charge passengers less than the approved fare.

During the past few years, however, an increasing number of "under the counter" deals have been struck between big companies and their travel agents in which part of that commission is passed on.

The CAA, which has so far turned a blind eye to these deals, now wants to formalize the arrangement by making the procedure legal.

The Association of British Travel Agents said last night that it would fight the plan in the three weeks remaining before the proposals become law. "It flies totally in the face of everything we have been telling the CAA," a spokesman said.

Cheap flights for business

An independent airline aims to attract business travellers by undercutting British Airways by up to 19 per cent on domestic air fares.

British Midland Airways is offering a "three-day return" to Glasgow or Edinburgh from Heathrow for £119 compared with a British Airways return of £144. The cost of a similar ticket to Belfast is £112 compared with British Airways' price of £138.

The new fares are aimed specifically at businessmen who, according to Mr Michael Bishop, British Midland's chairman, have been excluded from cheap offers by all airlines up to now.

The offer comes as British Airways increases domestic fares by up to 8 per cent from November 1.

"The whole travel agency industry is very competitive and travel agents don't make much anyway on a ticket. They get 9 per cent on international flights and 7 1/2 per cent on domestic flights."

The practice of splitting the commission with the customer is certainly not widespread but the proposals by the CAA would mean that everyone would now want to cut further into the small return we do make," he said.

The CAA is suggesting that any company which spends more than £100,000 on air travel in a year should be eligible to claim part of the commission but says that the figure could be "negotiable" with individual airlines free to set their own limit.

The new proposals would mainly benefit large companies who use more than one travel agent or who have not, until now, been aware that they can ask for a discount.

A company spending, for example, £200,000 a year on air travel - a figure easily reached by many firms with export potential - would be able to demand perhaps 5 per cent discount for themselves, with the rest of the saving going to the agent. This would cut their travel bill by £10,000 a year. If they mainly fly to just one country and use a single airline, they could save more by asking the airline for a direct discount.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the CAA, said: "This would allow bulk customers not at present enjoying discounts to negotiate them in future and provide an additional competitive stimulus within the industry."

The proposals come after consultation with airlines and travel agents earlier in the year, when strong objections to the scheme were lodged. But the CAA has overridden the objections and now looks certain to formalize the plan next month.



The Great Leap Forward: Liu Rulin, an acrobatic member of the Peking Opera troupe, makes a dramatic landing on a Scottish quayside, dressed in the costume of the Monkey King. The 50-strong troupe, in Edinburgh this weekend, is taking its inimitable style of opera on a tour of the British Isles, introducing shows which include everything from tales of dragons and slapstick comedy to large scale battles.

Two are cleared over IRA escape

Two men were cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of helping Patrick Magee, who was one of the Brighton bombers, and another IRA man to escape from police in Lancashire in 1983.

Joseph Calvey, aged 38, and James Murray, aged 26, both building workers and originally from Rosturk, Co Mayo, were accused of driving Magee and Patrick Murray to Newport, South Wales, from Preston after they narrowly evaded police.

Magee and Patrick Murray made their way from Wales by ferry back to Ireland. Mr John Nutting, for the prosecution, alleged.

Magee and Patrick Murray had managed to give detectives the slip after a car chase which ended at Preston railway station. Police were tailing them after uncovering a plot to blow up a public house used by soldiers, the Eagle and Child inn, near Weeton Army camp.

Magee and Patrick Murray were followed, but escaped on April 26, leaving their hired car, with its engine running and doors open, at Preston station.

In the witness box, Mr Calvey, of Bristol Avenue, Farnington, Leyland, and James Murray, of Basil Street, Preston, said that they did not suspect that the two men they aided were on the run for a terrorist offence.

The jury cleared the two men of committing acts intended to pervert the course of justice and failing to disclose information under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Art for blind

Britain's first art exhibition for blind people, consisting of paintings with raised surfaces which they touch by hand, was held at Ipswich, Suffolk, yesterday.

Youth job opportunities in tourism

By Trudi McIntosh. More unemployed young people should be encouraged to work for Britain's £10 billion tourism industry, the country's biggest growth sector, Lord Young of Grafham, Secretary of State for Employment, said yesterday in London.

Launching a national Tourism and Community Programme scheme, which will create 2,500 Community Programme places for the long-term unemployed, Lord Young challenged the tourism industry to double the number of places within the first year. He said that at least a third

of young people who had completed community programmes in the tourism industry were able to obtain long-term work.

"That is much higher than the national average, but more young people need to be encouraged to see the enormous potential in this ever-growing industry," Lord Young said.

He added: "The British view is that sometimes we confuse service with servile. In France, being a waiter is considered an honourable profession, but there are parts of this country where the opposite attitude exists."

Mr Duncan Bluck, chairman of the English Tourist Board, said tourism was a big employer, with more than one million jobs, and creating new jobs at the rate of 40,000 a year in England alone.

However, in spite of the tourism boom, there was still a shortage of people in all sections of the industry.

"I constantly hear that employers in tourism centres and resorts around the country cannot get enough people to fill the job vacancies," Mr Bluck added.

people in some areas of England who considered that a job in the tourism industry was less honourable than, for example, a job in manufacturing.

"The tourism industry creates jobs, more young people need to realize this."

Under the new scheme, the English Tourist Board and the Manpower Services Commission will promote Community Programme tourism projects in five main areas. One thousand CP places will be created in Tourism Development Action Programmes already under way.

£1m plane was once a 'wreck'

An aircraft which is 30 years old and cost £500,000 when new has been sold for £1 million (Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent, writes).

British Air Ferries has sold a Viscount, bought as a hulk three years ago, to the Swedish airline, Baltic Aviation.

The Viscount is regarded as one of Britain's most successful aircraft. Since it was first produced in 1948 a total of 445 have been sold around the world and they are now in ever increasing demand.

The last Viscount rolled off the production line more than 28 years ago, but it is still going strong with its quiet interior and fuel efficient Rolls-Royce engines.

Since Viscount G-AVJB was bought by BAF as a wreck without engines it has undergone extensive refurbishment and attracted worldwide interest.

It is ideal for the new operator who wants to keep costs to a minimum and even at £1 million compares more than favourably with a new Boeing 747, for example, which can cost as much as £100 million.

Promise of better food on trains

The traditional sausage roll and pork pie have been banished from Britain's trains, and passengers will increasingly be able to have food served to them at their seats (writes Rodney Cowton).

Dr John Prideaux, Director of Intercity, says that he hopes at the same time to provide passengers with better food and service, and to eliminate the £5 million subsidy which Intercity pays on catering.

Cream teas have been introduced on west of England services, a bistro is to be found on the Birmingham route and on some services in Scotland there are Scottish menus.

During the next year Dr Prideaux is hoping to provide trolley service offering drinks and snacks in second-class carriages, and to give a full meal service to all first-class compartments.

Another aspect of British Rail's modernization was carried forward yesterday when Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, opened a new depot at Newcastle upon Tyne as part of the £300 million electrification of the east coast rail route.

MP denies 'racist' allegation

The Tory MP accused by a BBC Panorama programme of having links with the far right, told a jury in the High Court yesterday: "I am not a racist."

Mr Neil Hamilton, aged 37, MP for Tatton, Cheshire, was giving evidence on the third day of a libel action in which he is suing the BBC and members of the Panorama team over a report called "Maggie's Militant Tendency".

He claims the broadcast, about infiltration of the Conservative Party by extreme right-wingers, portrayed him as "a virulent racist, an anti-Semite, a Fascist and an opponent of democracy."

The BBC, Mr Peter Ibbotson, editor of Panorama, Mr James Hogan, the producer, Mr Fred Emery, the presenter, and Mr Michael Cockerell, a reporter, deny libel.

Mr Hamilton told the jury: "I am not a racist in the sense that I believe that a man is any better or worse for the colour of his skin."

"I am aware, as we all are, of human differences and the differences which come about from having grown up in states with radically different customs and systems."

Mr Hamilton, who lives at St Mary-le-Park Court, Albert Bridge Road, Westminster, central London, agreed that he supported strict controls on the number of immigrants allowed into Britain.

He said that his campaign manifesto, when he stood for the Bradford North constituency in 1979, included the statement that he was "against any further large scale coloured immigration".

Mr Hamilton told the jury that he stood as a "spoof" candidate in the 1972 election for President of the Students' Union at University College, Aberystwyth.

Asked by his counsel, Mr Richard Hartley, QC, what steps he took in the election bustings, he replied: "They certainly weren't goose-steps."

Mr Hamilton said that to bring more entertainment to the election he provided some "light relief" by making a "spoof" Nuremberg-type speech.

He arranged that when he entered an election meeting, he would be accompanied by the dramatic opening bars of the Richard Strauss music used in the film *2001*.

"I was dressed in an ice cream vendor's jacket, decorated with a sash and crepe paper, and a lady's cape, with an ordinary pair of trousers and shoes," he said.

"I was accompanied by a number of rather sinister-looking colleagues wearing dark glasses and carrying water pistols."

Mr Hamilton said that he did not make any Nazi salutes.

Answering a suggestion that there was a picture of him with his arm raised, Mr Hamilton said: "I am clenching a pair of gloves and acknowledging the cheers of the audience."

The trial continues today.

Geldof award

Bob Geldof, organizer of Live Aid, is to be presented in Dublin today with a United Nations medal for his work to combat world hunger, by Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Republic's prime minister.

Drug deals 'admitted'

Lawrence Zephyr, who was trapped by police with Lord Blandford in a cocaine den, admitted he was a drugs dealer, it was claimed at Knightsbridge Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Zephyr, aged 53, made his confession, it was alleged, after police pounced on the drugs den, below a menswear shop in Edgeware Road, north London, and found Lord Blandford, aged 30.

Drug squad officers later raided Mr Zephyr's flat in Golders Green Road, north London, and found £21,000 of cocaine.

Mr David Bate, for the defence, said that the police planted cocaine on Mr Zephyr and invented the "confessions".

Mr Zephyr, of Ashmore Road, Maida Vale, west London, denies four charges of possessing and supplying cocaine, and four firearms charges.

Lord Blandford has pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing cocaine and will be sentenced later.

The trial continues.

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Police told to include all home violence in statistics

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Home Office and chief constables have acted to ensure that crime statistics more accurately record the amount of domestic violence and rape reported to police.

A Home Office circular, backed by the Association of Chief Police Officers, says that rape complaints should be recorded as "no crime" unless the complainant retracts completely and admits to fabrication. All domestic violence, where there has been a criminal offence, should be similarly recorded.

According to a report now being studied by the Metropolitan police, the amount of domestic violence is being hidden because the police are not recording the extent of it.

The findings, by Dr Susan Edwards, a research fellow at the Polytechnic of Central London, add to the controversy over the validity of police statistics. If the recording practice for domestic violence were changed, the clear-up rate for it would fall.

The new guidance on statistics is given along with advice on the treatment of rape victims and training of police officers. The circular endorses the main recommendations dealing with police procedures in a report of the Women's National Commission last December. The commission is an advisory body sponsored by the Cabinet Office.

The circular offers advice on improvement of the conditions in which victims are examined and interviewed. It says that in the interests of privacy and comfort, they should be examined whenever possible away from the traditional police interview room, either in a separate rape examination suite, such as those being set up by the Metropolitan police, or in

accommodation arranged in local hospitals or doctors' surgeries.

"Where it is unavoidable to conduct examinations at a police station which does not have a special suite for the purpose, chief officers will wish to ensure that these are carried out in appropriate facilities which provide an atmosphere that reduces stress and fosters care and concern, and protects the privacy of the victim."

Forces are encouraged to recruit more female police surgeons or other female doctors to help in such cases, so that rape victims can be medically examined by a woman if they wish.

"The value of specialist squads of women officers dealing exclusively with sexual offences against women and children will be drawn to the attention of chief officers."

The circular adds: "It will normally be desirable for victims to be given information about issues such as the availability of pregnancy advice, treatment for infections and for injuries, victims support organizations, the possible need for photographs and the criminal injuries compensation scheme."

Mr Douglas Hogg, Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Home Office, said: "Women who have suffered the ordeal of rape or who are victims of domestic violence need to know they will receive a sympathetic hearing if they go to the police."

"Implementation of these recommendations by all police forces will enable women to come forward and report these particularly abhorrent crimes, confident in the knowledge they will be received with tact and understanding."

Decline in number of Christians

The Christian Church in Britain lost half a million members in the first five years of the 1980s, while the number of Muslims rose by more than a third, according to figures just published.

There are now just over seven million Christians in the United Kingdom, compared with more than 7.5 million in 1980 and 8.5 million in 1970.

The UK Christian Handbook 1987/88 says that the Church is likely to lose another 500,000 members by the end of the decade.

This compares with growth in Muslim membership from 600,000 to 852,000 in the five years to last year, according to the handbook, published by MARC Europe.

Muslim membership outstrips the combined strength of the Methodist and Baptist churches by 152,000.

The Christian Church now consists mainly of people under 20 and pensioners, according to Mr Peter Brierley, the book's editor and European Director of MARC.

PC fined for attack on youth

A married policeman was upset over a domestic crisis involving another woman when he attacked a youth, Gloucester Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Kevin Balding, aged 18, was in hospital for five days after the assault.

At the time of the attack, PC Martin Roddy, aged 31, had just come from a meeting with the woman and her husband, Mr Christopher Pitchford, for the defence, said.

Mr Patrick Clarkson, for the prosecution, said a number of youths were on a bench opposite Stonehouse police station, Gloucestershire, and PC Roddy told them to get their feet off. He grabbed Kevin Balding and pushed him against a wall, banging his head.

Mr Pitchford said: "The incident happened when relationships between PC Roddy and his wife were 'extremely strained'."

PC Roddy, of The Northfields, Folley Lane, Stroud, admitted assault and was fined £150 and ordered to pay £200 costs.

Banking technology

Discreet cosiness of an automated service

By Keith Hindley

The bank of the future has been unveiled in Dundee without a counter or cashier in sight. It has become instead a family cash, business and shopping centre.

High-speed machines allow customers to get cash, make a credit, obtain an instant bank statement or pay the bills. The children can even pick up their pocket money at a special till mounted a foot lower.

In all, more than 40 services, practically everything a clerk used to do, are automated. The furnishings are soft, the atmosphere cosy and the counter staff have become sales people in discreet alcoves, free to chat if customers need them.

Some machines provide colour videos and can deal on the spot with opening an account, quoting for car insurance or making mail order purchases.

More alcoves provide on-line computer terminals for businessmen to rent. Investment advisers or insurance firms have alcoves to provide their own special services.

A security door limits entry to the self-operated machine foyer to cardholders.

The bank is the creation of NCR Limited, the Dundee-based British arm of the American National Cash Register Company. It is celebrating its fortieth anniversary in Dundee by showing a new generation of sophisticated bank terminals.

NCR, which began by manufacturing cash tills in the United States, is now a world leader in bank terminals.

Mr George Mizuro, its general manager, said: "We hold 22 per cent of the world market and export to 70 countries, and that includes terminals speaking in more than 20 languages."

"We have 52 per cent of the UK market. Our parent company has celebrated our anniversary by giving Dundee full responsibility for all NCR's terminal sales worldwide."

Each terminal must be adapted for the host country. British and European banks, for example, specify a half-inch thick steel face for cash dispensers, while the Swedes stipulate one inch. In the United States, the banks have had so few security problems with terminals that they use tin boxes painted to look like safes.

The French have refused to accept the interactive screens used in most countries, where buttons to press appear on the screens. Some Central African countries have terminals using four different languages.

A new high-security terminal has armoured plating and screens. One attacker, during a test in a rough area of Manchester, complimented the bank. He damaged his shoe and broke a hammer and screwdriver but could not lift even one of the number keys.

Mr Peter Freeman, NCR's product manager, said: "If you want to see innovative banking now, go to Spain. The banks there are installing everything we have."



The coffin with an RAF cap and sword on top is carried past the guard of honour.

Salute to RAF pilot after 44 years

By Ian Smith

The guard of honour fired a salvo, a lone Spitfire flew at tree-top height and the mourners stood silent in a tribute to a man who had been dead for 44 years.

The final solemn tribute was paid yesterday to Pilot Officer Charles "Berrie" Barber, of 140 Squadron.

His oak coffin, draped with a Union Jack, and with a sword of honour and a pilot officer's peaked cap lying on top, was laid to rest in the churchyard at RAF Fimbley, South Yorkshire, at noon yesterday.

Full military honours were accorded the last Second World War hero to be buried before the introduction of the Military Remains Act which forbids further disturbance of war dead, wherever they fell.

Present at the service were the dead pilot's brother, friends from school as well as from the RAF and his former fiancée, now Mrs Margaret Butler, from Norwich, who stood at the graveside in cream suit and dark blue blouse, holding her husband's hand tightly.

It was shortly after noon on April 24, 1942, that Spitfire

X4784 took off from RAF Benson, Oxfordshire, and flew at 35,000ft over the French coast taking photographs to help military intelligence in the build-up to the D-Day landings.

It should have been a routine reconnaissance flight, a "piece of cake" for the pilot who wore his father's cufflinks for good luck.

But he did not return. His Spitfire crossed the white cliffs of Dover, lost height then crashed into marshland near the river Rye in Sussex.

The aircraft remained bur-

ied in a marsh until two months ago when the pilot's remains, still lying in his cockpit, were recovered by a team from Tangmere Military Aviation Museum in West Sussex.

His brother, Mr Ray Barber, aged 65, said after the burial service: "I feel so proud that at last I have been able to honour my brother. It is fitting he should be laid at rest next to other war heroes."

Later a group of the dead man's closest friends went back to the grave and laid their own red wreath on top of the freshly dug earth.

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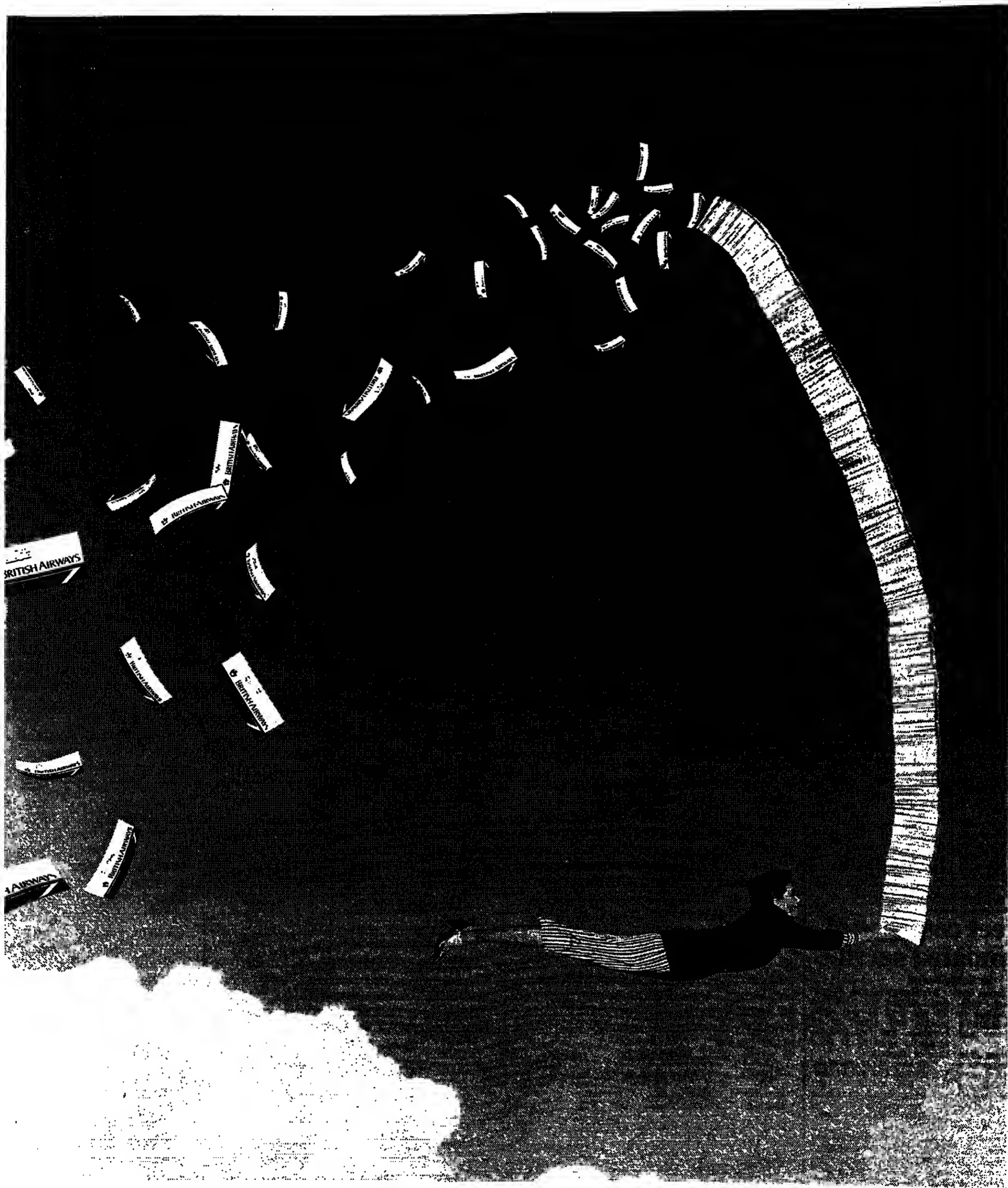
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South African rights group claims torture of children is widespread

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The widespread torture and mistreatment of children detained under South Africa's emergency regulations is alleged in a memorandum released this week by the Black Sash, the civil rights organization run by white women. The ill-treatment ledled to children is a frightening symptom of a disease which may have already progressed beyond cure," says the memorandum, which contains some 30 statements and affidavits from children aged between 12 and 18. Children, it says, are "intimidated, brutalized and often scared stiff."

of the 7,996 people detained in that time, about 2,100 were under the age of 16. The Detainees' Parents' Support Committee, an independent monitoring body, estimates that some 22,000 people have been detained for varying periods during the current emergency. In force since June 12, and that 40 per cent were under the age of 18, including a child of nine.

rubber tyre to burn suspected government collaborators and informers to death. It alleges, however, that the security forces' brutal methods are applied "irrespective of any possible guilt", and that large numbers of children are rounded up at random from the streets, and then detained and beaten up in the hope of eliciting information. The police directorate for public relations yesterday rejected the allegations as another attempt to discredit the security forces, and noted that those complaining of mistreatment had not been named.

Kimche critical of defence influence

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Strong criticism of the way in which Israel's foreign policy is dictated by the Defence Ministry has come from Mr David Kimche, one of the most senior and respected members of the country's civil service, who has just been forced out of his job as a result of implementation of the Government's rotation agreement. For six years he won worldwide respect as Director General of the Foreign Ministry. He was an essential figure in the negotiations to end the Lebanese invasion, and more recently masterminded the agreement with Egypt on disputed border areas.

The first was when Israel bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981. No-one at the ministry had known about it. Because of that his ministry had to spend two or three days putting together information about the raid and then having to "sell" the reasons for it to the rest of the world. The second case he quoted was the Lebanese invasion, in which he said the Foreign Ministry had been excluded from the planning and was never asked about policy or information control. It proved impossible again yesterday for the planned hand-over of power from Mr Peres to Mr Yitzhak Shamir to go ahead, as the two party leaders continued bickering over the details of Cabinet places and senior official appointments once the new government takes over.

Pretoria's hard line on Kaunda

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

General Magnus Malan, the South African Defence Minister, issued a blunt warning yesterday to President Kaunda of Zambia that if he continues to grant the African National Congress (ANC) refugee be can expect South African military reprisals. In a prepared statement, General Malan declared: "A leader like Dr Kaunda must realize that he cannot play host to the ANC and the South African Communist Party (SACP) and be known as a man who seeks peace."



Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, lending an ear to President Reagan as he briefed members of Congress on his summit talks in Iceland.

Chaos at the peace congress

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Denounced by the Danish Government and shunned by all Denmark's main political parties, the controversial World Peace Congress devoted to the international year of peace opened here yesterday amid scenes of chaos. A big scuffle on the platform interrupted the opening ceremony when demonstrators from the London-based Association for a Free Russia displayed a banner worded "This is a KGB Peace Congress", seized the microphone and shouted "Go home KGB" and other anti-Soviet slogans.

In his inaugural address, Mr Hermod Lannung, the 90-year-old Danish peace activist and chairman of the World Congress, criticized the press for unjustly attacking the West as being controlled by Moscow. "There are no taboos at the congress. It is a forum whose aim is first and foremost to contribute to efforts to achieve the cessation of the nuclear arms race, which is a crime against humanity," he said.

Anti-American bias was detected in a discussion session yesterday afternoon on nuclear safety. One of the main participants was the Helsinki-based World Peace Council, an umbrella organization for peace groups all over the world which has been attacked in the West as being controlled by Moscow. The five-day Copenhagen congress is the fourteenth of its kind involving the council since 1949, and the first to be held in a Nato country. Only four small Danish parties, the Communists, the Left Socialists, the Socialist People's Party and the Radical Liberals are participating.

WORLD SUMMARY

2,000 flee fires in disaster mine

Johannesburg (Reuter) — About 2,000 men were safely evacuated yesterday when underground fires triggered an emergency at the Kiaros mine, scene of South Africa's worst gold mine disaster last month. The men were brought to the surface after "two separate and minor fire incidents of unknown origin", according to a statement from the General Mining Union Corporation. More than 170 miners died last month when a fire sent poisonous fumes through the mine.

Transplant death

The only woman to receive an artificial heart has died nearly 10 months after her mechanical heart was replaced by a real one (Our Foreign Staff writes). Mary Lund, aged 48, died of multiple organ failure at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, her doctors said. In St Louis, a man aged 44 has two functioning hearts as a result of a transplant operation that doctors say will allow his new heart gradually to take over the functions of the original. Doctors performed the seven-hour operation at The University Hospital at St Louis University Medical Centre.

Aid for shipyards

Bonn (Reuter) — The West German Government yesterday unveiled a £100 million plan to help coastal states to deal with the collapse of the nation's shipbuilding industry. Herr Martin Bange mann, the Economics Minister, and Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Finance Minister, said that the money would be in infrastructure aid to the four northern coastal states where the crisis-hit German shipbuilding companies are based.

Haul of hemp

Aalsmeer, The Netherlands (Reuter) — Police yesterday searched greenhouses in this town, famed for its flowers, after they found 8,000 hemp plants growing under glass. A spokesman said that the plants, which would have had a street value of more than £450,000 in nearby Amsterdam, had been sprayed to make them worthless. Last month police found five tonnes of hemp in another greenhouse.

Priest wounded

Quito (Reuter) — A senior Ecuadorian clergyman has been shot and seriously wounded at the door of a Roman Catholic church by a gunman who later committed suicide, police said yesterday. They said that Monsignor Jorge Guillermo Armijos, vicar general of the southern city of Loja, was shot in the back and stomach at point-blank range by an unidentified man. The attacker then shot himself in the head.

What chance is there now of an arms control agreement after Reykjavik? Quite a bit, if one were to go by the more optimistic comments from both sides. One of the features of the post-summit scene is a general desire to present Reykjavik as a beginning rather than a sorry conclusion. But both the Soviet and American leaders have their own propaganda reasons for seeking to give this impression. One thing that did begin at Reykjavik was the capture of the arms control process by public relations. That contest was not resolved as the leaders withdrew from the negotiating table, and they may well conclude that to fire salvoes of optimism is the best way to continue the propaganda war.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

one moment, as he did in London on Tuesday, that they would be prepared to negotiate away all the Euro missiles without reference to SDI, and then at another moment hesitate to go that far, it is simply confusing. What then are the political realities beneath the whirlpool of words? The correct procedure must surely be to resume negotiations at expert level, with the Geneva arms talks the obvious forum. There might paradoxically be a case for another goodwill summit, like the first meeting at Geneva, simply to repair the damage at Reykjavik. But in present circumstances any summit that failed to produce a substantive agreement would probably be judged a failure and do more harm than good.

Reagan mindful of polls and allies

He will wish to give west Europeans the feeling that an arms settlement would be within reach if only that straborn old man in Washington would give just a bit. He may even hope to induce Congress to cut back funding for SDI research by creating an assumption that the project will soon be smothered on the negotiating table anyway.

Negotiated deal at lower level?

So it would probably be best to delay another summit until something has been negotiated at lower level in which the two leaders could put the seal. The best hope would seem to lie with intermediate-range missiles. Whether it would be possible to eliminate all of them from Europe without an agreement on SDI is doubtful. But it does not really matter. A number of European governments would quietly prefer to keep some Euro-missiles, as an assurance that the United States would remain linked to the defence of its allies. A more limited agreement on intermediate missiles would serve what is now the essential purpose: to keep the process of East-West negotiation going as calmly as possible, with neither euphoria nor a new icy spirit of Reykjavik.



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EEC report urges more growth stimulation to beat unemployment

In a report which has a direct bearing on Britain's plans for tackling long-term unemployment in the EEC, the European Commission said yesterday that unemployment in Europe was at an unacceptably high level and that further growth had to be stimulated in the economies of the Twelve.

Herr Alois Pfeiffer, the Commissioner for Economic Affairs, said that the EEC faced an average unemployment rate of higher than 10 per cent by 1990.

The Commission's annual economic report said that policies implemented by member governments since the dramatic fall in oil prices - described as "the second oil shock" - had gone some way toward restoring the foundations of sounder growth. But the effects on unemployment were "working through only very slowly".

The report said that current

From Richard Owen, Brussels

unemployment levels were intolerable but "far from inescapable" and forecast that balance of payments improvements resulting from falling energy prices would give the EEC "a unique opportunity which needs to be seized" next year and in 1988.

But it simultaneously gave a warning that the EEC's external trade could be depressed by further falls in the dollar, protectionism in America and Japan, a further shift in oil prices and a worsening of the situation in Third World economies.

Under the British presidency of the EEC, until December, Mrs Thatcher has made tackling long-term unemployment a top priority. Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Employment, has launched a plan which lays stress on liberalization of the labour market, a reduction of controls on businesses and stimulation of enterprise.

The British programme places much of the blame for unemployment on high wage settlements.

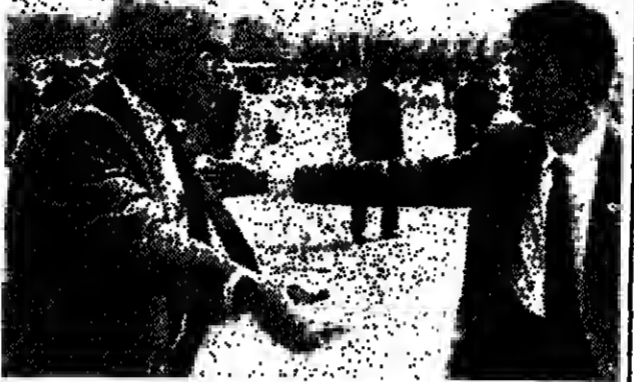
The Commission says that wages and income tax should be reduced in the medium term, but in the long term there had to be "moderate wage growth", a faster pace of business and public investment and a "social dialogue" with European unions.

The Commission asked member states to provide "concise reports" on their reduction of unemployment through growth by May next year.

It also gave a warning that although the EEC could expect an acceleration in real gross domestic product growth of 2.8 per cent next year, compared to 2.5 per cent this year, this was not on a scale likely to bring about "an appreciable and sustained fall in unemployment" unless joint effective action were taken.



Schoolchildren waving British and Chinese flags and singing traditional songs of welcome, above, as the Queen arrives in Shanghai; and the Queen's press secretary, Mr Michael Shea, below, being manhandled by a Chinese security man.



Kinnock reaffirms nuclear position

Berlin (Reuter) - Mr Neil Kinnock the Labour Party leader, stood by his commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament in a news conference at the Berlin Wall yesterday and said that atomic weapons could not protect the city.

Mr Kinnock is visiting West Berlin before a meeting of Socialists and Social Democrats in Bonn today.

He dismissed criticism by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, that Labour's plans to scrap Britain's nuclear deterrent and remove US nuclear bases in Britain could endanger West Berlin.

"That man (Mr Tebbit) is so blocked up with propaganda that he is incapable of taking a clear sight of anything," Mr Kinnock said.

"We can't defend this city, or any nation or continent, with weapons that obliterate," he said.

He thought that a military balance was ensured by the high quality of Nato forces, and believed that stable relations with the Soviet Bloc could be achieved by talks and disarmament.

International agreements and the presence of some 12,000 US, British and French forces in West Berlin effectively guarantee the city's security, he said.

Vranitsky campaigns with a plea for trust

Vienna - The Austrian Chancellor, Herr Franz Vranitsky, launched his Socialist Party's election campaign yesterday with an appeal for Austrians to trust in his financial acumen (Richard Bassett writes).

Herr Vranitsky, a former banker whose pin-stripes are unusual among Austrian poli-

ticians, is running as "the man Austria needs".

A dry-humoured professional with a relatively brief career in politics, he precipitated next month's general election by refusing to continue his party's coalition with the right-wing Freedom Party, which elected the pan-German nationalist, Herr Jorg Haider, as its leader.

Swedish unions resume wage talks

Stockholm - Negotiations will resume today aimed at ending a complicated public-sector wages dispute which has disrupted life in Sweden for more than two weeks.

(Christopher Mosey writes). There are signs that at least two of the unions, which are demanding pay parity with private-sector workers, might be prepared to settle. One has

postponed scheduled strikes and another, representing 20,000 workers including merchant navy pilots, has contacted state mediators and asked for fresh talks.

Six scientists share Nobel accolades

This year's Nobel Prize for Physics is shared between three scientists for two discoveries made a generation apart.

The oldest member of the trio, Professor Ernst Ruska of West Germany, is recognised for his fundamental work in electron optics and subsequent pioneering work with the first electron microscope.

Professor Ruska, who is 79, is head of the Fritz Haber Institute in West Berlin, which is part of the Max Planck Institute. He began to develop the electron microscope as a young student at the Berlin Technical University at the end of the 1920s.

He shares the prize with two younger physicists, both of whom are conducting research at the IBM laboratories at Zurich, in Switzerland.

Dr Gerd Binnig, aged 39, of West Germany, and Dr Heinrich Rohrer, 53, of Switzerland, discovered a way of improving the electron method of analysing new materials called the scanning tunnelling microscope.

The chemistry prize is also shared by three scientists, all from North America.

Their achievements were in separate research, but all gave

an understanding of how chemical reactions occur.

The award went to Professor Dudley Herschbach, of Harvard University; Professor Yuan Tseh Lee, who was born in Taiwan, of Berkeley University; and Professor John Polanyi, of the University of Toronto.

All three have helped to overcome the problems of how to observe the intimate processes between molecules during reactions.

Professor Herschbach, aged 54, has been professor of chemistry at Harvard since 1963.

Professor Yuan Tseh Lee, aged 49, is head of the Department of Chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley.

Professor Polanyi, aged 57, was born in Berlin and took his doctorate in Manchester, England, in 1952. He became professor of chemistry at Toronto in 1962.

Correction

Elic Wiesel, the Nobel peace laureate, should have been quoted yesterday as saying that he had written about 30 books, not 300.



Professor Ruska: work on the electron microscope



Professor Polanyi, who took his PhD in Manchester.

Taiwan plans an end to martial law

Taipei (Reuter) - Taiwan's ruling Kuomintang Party said yesterday that its top policy-making body had approved plans to lift martial law, which has been in force on the island since 1949, when the Nationalist Government retreated there.

The proposal also calls for lifting the ban on political parties if they observe three principles: respect for the constitution, support for the government's anti-communist policy, and renunciation of the outlawed Taiwan Independence Movement.

Suicide by second wife of Picasso

Paris - Jacqueline Picasso, aged 60, second wife and last companion of the painter, Pablo Picasso, committed suicide yesterday by shooting herself in the head at her home in Mougins. She had no children (Diana Geddes writes).

Friends said she had been depressed for some time. Picasso, whom she married in 1961, died 13 years ago.

She leaves behind many of the painter's works, although several had been handed over to the French Government in lieu of death duties.

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El Salvador earthquake aftermath

Hope fading as water and heat smother last chances

From Paul Valley San Salvador

It was as if by an unspoken consensus that the rescuers yesterday gave up hope of finding anyone else alive in the distorted rubble of the city centre in San Salvador.

For some, there were specific reasons. At the Reuben Dario shopping and office complex, which was the site of the single largest number of deaths, an intense fire yesterday gripped the innards of the building, which his five storeys collapsed like a grotesque layer cake, the lines of the red floors virtually intact but the walls which once separated them compacted into crumbling brown concrete.

The smoke and heat have been tremendous. We had to pump 60,000 gallons of water into the building. There seems little chance that anyone buried in there could have survived. ...

About 1,500 people were said to be in the complex at the time of the earthquake. Only 100 have been rescued, the last of them pulled from beneath the gigantic slabs of concrete on Monday night.

"We have removed about 100 cadavers. We can see many more, but it is dan-

gerous to get to them. Our crane cannot lift entire sections. So we have to work slowly, breaking up sections before they can be lifted,"

A quiet demoralisation had set in among local and international rescue teams. There was still one sniffer dog roaming the debris of the Ministry of Planning building in search of any sign of life, but it had not found anything all day.

Early sounds of life detected at the weekend by French rescue team dogs had disappeared. The sun in which the rescuers toiled with shovels, sledge-hammers and their bare hands was hot and underlined the virtual impossibility of anyone having survived without water for five days in these temperatures.

There was even more despondency in the shanty town of Santa Maria, where the focus of the rescue effort has now shifted. Yesterday the international teams were working with a feverish urgency on a hillside where a landslide buried 40 families in flimsy wooden shacks.

Some 100 people are said by

officials to have been entombed there when thousands of tons of mud slipped down the mountainside and engulfed the little community. The landslide happened at the time of the earthquake, but has been discovered only recently because the area was cut off when its only access road slipped down the steep ravine.

A farmer who was working on the slopes of Mount San Jacinto said: "I was weeding my tomato plants when suddenly there was a ooise. It was a stroog noise, like a big beast

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, will fly to El Salvador today to inspect earthquake damage and consult Salvadorean officials on reconstruction needs (Mohsin Ali writes from Washington). He will discuss with US Embassy officials steps to be taken to rebuild American diplomatic facilities.

under the ground. It became so loud it was like the whole earth roaring.

"I turned to see the valley and the whole city below. I could see the ground moving like a wave on the water. Then I was thrown to the ground. When I looked down again there were clouds of dust and the whole city was shaking."

Part of the little mountainside community in which he lived had gone.

Teams of Spanish firemen worked long and hard on the precarious mountain slope yesterday. "We have not recovered any bodies today. It is very difficult to work here, because it is just mud and there is a great possibility of a cave-in. There is not much chance of anyone being alive, because what fell on them was mud and the houses were very weak. Before long we may have to stop working by hand and start using machinery," the chief fire officer, Señor Luis Villarreal, from Madrid, said. He looked weary and demoralised after his fruitless day's labour.

Now the Government and organizers of the international relief effort are turning their attention to the plight of the tens of thousands of people who are living, many of them without food or shelter, on pavements and in city parks.

President Duarte yesterday defended his Government from accusations that it was not doing enough for these people. "The first stage of the operation has been to rescue people. The second stage is to deal with these problems."

Responding to criticism that the 50,000-strong Salvadorean Army had not responded adequately, he said: "They have made transport available and done everything they could, but they also have the security of the country to protect."

Salvadorean officials fear that the civil war ceasefire announced by the rebels will be used to make secret incursions into the capital and to consolidate their position in other parts of the country.



Boycott assures Ershad's election

Police searching a passer-by in Dhaka during yesterday's election for a civilian president for Bangladesh.

in a military coup in 1982, faced 11 opponents, most of them obscure. There was little reported violence and disruption, other than numerous explosions of small firework-type bombs and the stoning of the few motorists who defied the call for a general strike.

No Peking joy for Russian minister

From Robert Gries Peking

Mr Igor Rogachov, the Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, returned to Moscow yesterday with little to show for several days of Sino-Soviet normalization talks.

The issues are impossible to solve in one session," he said before leaving. Mr Qian Qichen, the Chinese deputy Foreign Minister, observed: "We haven't detected any change in the Soviet position."

China and the Soviet Union broke off their close relationship in the 1960s over ideological differences. Since resuming talks, China has maintained that Soviet support for the Vietnamese in Cambodia, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the deployment of military divisions along their common border all stand in the way of normalizing relations.

Perhaps for that reason, a Soviet communiqué on Mr Rogachov's visit will be released from Moscow rather than from Peking, Soviet officials here said yesterday.

Kalamata refugees can go home

From Mario Modiano Athens

People left homeless by the earthquakes that killed 20 people and devastated the southern Greek port of Kalamata a month ago were told by the authorities on Tuesday

that it is safe to return to undamaged homes.

Dr Ioannis Drakopoulos, the seismology professor advising the Government, said: "The critical period is largely over. No major earthquake is anticipated, and the chances of a strong after-shock have

diminished by nine-tenths.

Greek seismologists, fearing that the weak geological sequence after the earthquakes on September 13 and 15 betrayed a build-up of energy, urged the Government to ban access to Kalamata's 8,500 residential buildings.

Assad reaffirms support for Iran

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The head of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards has ended a visit to Damascus confident that President Assad still intends to support Iran until it defeats Iraq in the Gulf War.

According to the Islamic Republic News Agency in Tehran, the President reaffirmed Syria's strategic alliance with Iran in his conversations with Mr Mohsen Rafiq Doost, the Guards' commander, thus removing doubts cast by Mr Assad's statement earlier this month that Syria would not accept the occupation of Iraqi territory.

If the Iranian report is true and there had been no comparable statement from the Syrian news agency yesterday, then President Assad has resigned himself to the possibility that Iran will not only bring about the overthrow of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq but might also occupy Iraq.

There were rumours in Beirut that Mr Rafiq Doost had also discussed the American and French hostages in Lebanon during his conversations with President Assad, although he said only that he had "maintained contacts between two friendly nations and exchanged important information".

Air-India jumbo was 'crippled'

Delhi (Reuters) - An official inquiry into the crash of an Air-India jumbo jet off Ireland last year showed that the pilots did their best to save the aircraft even after an explosion crippled its emergency systems, the Press Trust of India news agency reported yesterday.

It said that a report by Judge B N Kirpal of the Delhi High Court found that the blast might have damaged the oxygen system and cut off air to the pilots, who had put on oxygen masks.

The report into the crash in June 1985, which killed all 329 people aboard, has not been made public. It was handed over to the Government in February. But the agency said it had obtained excerpts.

The judge is said to have blamed the crash on a bomb in the jet's forward cargo hold.

Two militant Sikh organizations claimed responsibility.

The report said that ruptures to the jet's forward area and damage to its hydraulic and control systems created uncontrollable conditions. Indian and foreign investigators suggested an external blow to the plane, the judge said, and US space officials had confirmed that there was no space debris in the vicinity that day.

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Barcelona fears that explosions will hurt bid for Olympics

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Jordi Pujol, the Chief Minister of Catalonia, flew to Lausanne yesterday from Barcelona, concerned that Tuesday night's car-bomb attack, which killed a Spanish policeman and was blamed on ETA, might damage his city's candidacy for the 1992 Olympic Games.

Señor Julian San Cristobal, Spain's Director of State Security, blamed ETA and admitted that Barcelona police had been on a special alert. "It is very difficult to forestall these attacks," he observed.

Catalonia was shaken by the bomb's possible impact on the International Olympic Committee's decision, which is to be taken less than 72 hours after the attack.

Five other cities - Paris, Birmingham, Belgrade, Brisbane and Amsterdam - are also seeking to host the Games.

Señor Pascual Maragall, the Mayor of Barcelona, already in Lausanne, told the Chief Minister by telephone of his fears of a possible linkage.

It was the second violent attack in the Catalan capital in less than a month, the other being on Civil Guards travel-

Car clues may point to Bonn terrorists

From John England Bonn

A government memorial service for a senior West German official shot by two Red Army Faction terrorists last week was held in Bonn yesterday as police examined the abandoned getaway car for clues to the killers.

The car, a red Opel Kadett, was found in a quiet street in a Bonn suburb on Tuesday less than two miles from where Dr Gerold von Braunmühl, aged 51, chief of the Foreign Ministry's political department, was murdered.

The vehicle carried false number plates different from those noted by an eyewitness to the attack last Friday night outside Dr Von Braunmühl's home in the suburb of Ippendorf. The official's briefcase, smeared with blood and marked by a bullet, was found on the back seat.

Police are hoping that clues to the identity of the two attackers will emerge from forensic examinations.

Chancellor Kohl, Cabinet ministers and the diplomatic corps attended the service in Bonn's Beethovenhalle, where Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, paid tribute to his former aide.

The murder was the Red Army Faction's first attack on a leading political figure in Bonn.



Mrs Jihua Sadat, widow of the assassinated President of Egypt, showing a sweatshirt she was given at Radford University, Virginia, to mark her doctorate from Cairo University. She will lecture on women in the Third World.

North Carolina Senate poll

Gentlemen of the old school forgo vitriol for temperance

From Christopher Thomas, Raleigh, North Carolina

Two years after one of the greatest election upsets in American history, North Carolina remains in the grip of an unremitting hangover. It is groaning towards election day without flair or fight, its Senate candidates both sick-bellied, courtly Southern gentlemen whose campaigns are stupefyingly dull.

The spirit was drained and the vitriol all used up in the most expensive and arguably most vicious Senate battle of all time. Senator Jesse Helms, the ultra-right Republican, sided by more than \$20 million, won.

The two men seeking North Carolina's other Senate seat in the mid-term election on November 4 are comfortably conservative, but hardly in the rightist hellfire category of Senator Helms.

Indeed, their temperate language is quite unbelievably American for such a high-stakes political prize. Mr Terry Sanford, the soft-spoken Democratic contender, a retired University teacher, says adamantly that he will not say nasty things about his rival. He wants to show young people that politics "is not a dirty game." No wonder a local newspaper cartoon showed the candidates on stage holding microphones gone limp from boredom.

Senator James Broyhill, the Republican, has served North Carolina quietly and diligently for 23 years in the House of Representatives. He is one of the favourites of the Reagan Administration.

He acquired his Senate seat by governor's decree five days after the suicide on July 3 of Senator John East, the previous incumbent, who had planned to retire when his term ended. He had used crutches or a wheelchair from the age of 24 because of polio and a suicide note mentioned health problems.

With his death the deep electoral gloom grew gloomier. On Monday, after a sporic debate between the candidates

The worn-out Democratic Party is aware that it faces a tough task against such name recognition. The election will be an important indicator of the staying power of Republican gains made in the state on President Reagan's coattails. The governor's office, both US Senate seats and five of the state's 11-member delegation to the House of Representatives are held by Republicans.

Mr Sanford, upon Democratic fortunes now rest, is a former governor, a name older folks remember, the first of the "new South" governors to invest heavily in education.

Ironically, that very programme of education has helped substantially to bring about some important demographic changes that now are working against the Democrats. This was traditionally one of the most blue-collar states in the union, immutably set in its religious, right-wing ways.

But while 48,000 of its textile jobs and 17,000 of its family farms (20 per cent of the total) have disappeared in the past six years of the Reagan era, unemployment has been held to a moderate 5 per cent because of a buoyant new economy built on service, technology and information.

The suburbs of cities like Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Durham and Raleigh are new Republican bases. The Yuppies have invaded.

North Carolina changed little, because it never had large-scale immigration. People tended to go to more on-the-map places like Tennessee, Virginia and Mississippi.

The descendants of the original English and Scots-Irish are still here, but in less than a decade dramatic economic changes have occurred, throwing the political scene into turmoil and exposing yet another Democratic fortress to Republican invasion.



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Final stage at last for aliens Bill

From Mohsin Ali Washington

US Senate and House of Representatives negotiators have agreed on a major revision of American immigration laws aimed at stemming the flood of millions of illegal aliens into the country.

The landmark Bill provides amnesty for illegal aliens who came to the United States before 1982 and civil and criminal penalties for employers who hire illegal aliens.

The measure was sent back to the Democrat-controlled House and the Republican-majority Senate for final consideration this week.

According to official estimates there may be as many as 12 million aliens living in the US illegally, and six million more attempt to enter each year.

Congress has worked sporadically on immigration revision for about 15 years, urged on by President Reagan in the past three years. But a divided Senate and House have scuppered all previous Bills in their final days.

The main elements of the compromise Bill are:

- A ban on the hiring of illegal aliens. For a first offence, employers would be subject to a civil penalty of \$250 to \$2,000 (£175-1,400) for each illegal alien hired. For a "pattern or practise" of violations, there would be criminal penalties, up to a \$3,000 fine and six months in prison.
- An employer would have to ask all job applicants for documents such as passport or birth certificate and driving licence to confirm that they were either citizens or aliens authorized to work in the United States.
- Illegal aliens who entered the US before January 1, 1982, and have lived there ever since may obtain legal status. The Federal Government would provide \$1 billion a year for four years to reimburse state agencies for the cost of supplying public assistance or other benefits to such aliens.
- If there is a shortage of seasonal farm workers, the Government could admit additional aliens in the financial years 1990-1993.
- A ban on employment discrimination based on national origin. Many Hispanic groups have opposed the Bill, fearing that it would lead to job discrimination against Hispanics who are citizens or legal residents of the United States.

Martens gets time for talks

From Richard Owen Brussels

Mr Wilfried Martens, the embattled Belgian Prime Minister, was yesterday busily engaged in behind-the-scenes manoeuvring to try to patch up his ruling Centre Right coalition and avoid a government collapse.

On Tuesday, he offered his resignation to King Baudouin after having failed to resolve apparently irreconcilable coalition differences over revived linguistic divisions between Belgians, Dutch and French-speaking populations.

The King has postponed his decision on whether to accept the resignation, and is not expected to make an announcement until the weekend.

This gives Mr Martens time to "knock some sense" into warring Flemish and Franco-phone members of his four-party coalition, of one commentator put it.

There is a widespread feeling here that the language row, which arose because of the dismissal of French-speaking mayor who refuses to use Dutch, has been blown up out of proportion and need not bring down Mr Martens.

He is Belgium's longest-serving prime minister since World War Two and a symbol of political stability in a country previously noted for fragile coalitions.

By the dismissed mayor, Mr José Happart, has succeeded in creating a national crisis and reviving dormant prejudices.

Although there has so far been none of the violence which marred Belgian politics in the 1970s, Flemish and French-speaking politicians are now so much at daggers drawn that a compromise may prove elusive.

Political observers are concerned that if Mr Martens does fall the Belgian franc will be affected and the economy suffer.



Mr Martens: coalition threatened with collapse.

Expo £156m in the red

Ottawa - Expo 86, the World's Fair in Vancouver, British Columbia, has closed on a high note and with a high deficit (John Best writes).

Sunday's record attendance of 341,000 raised the total number of visitors to the 57-month fair to 22,111,978 more than half as much again as organizers forecast.

But Expo lost an estimated \$Can311 million (£166 million) on expenditure of \$Can1.6 billion. The shortfall is to be financed by lottery funds. Controversy had begun to dog the exposition even before it officially opened by the Prince of Wales early in May.

Critics said that the money would better be spent on meeting pressing social needs in fields such as education, health and housing.

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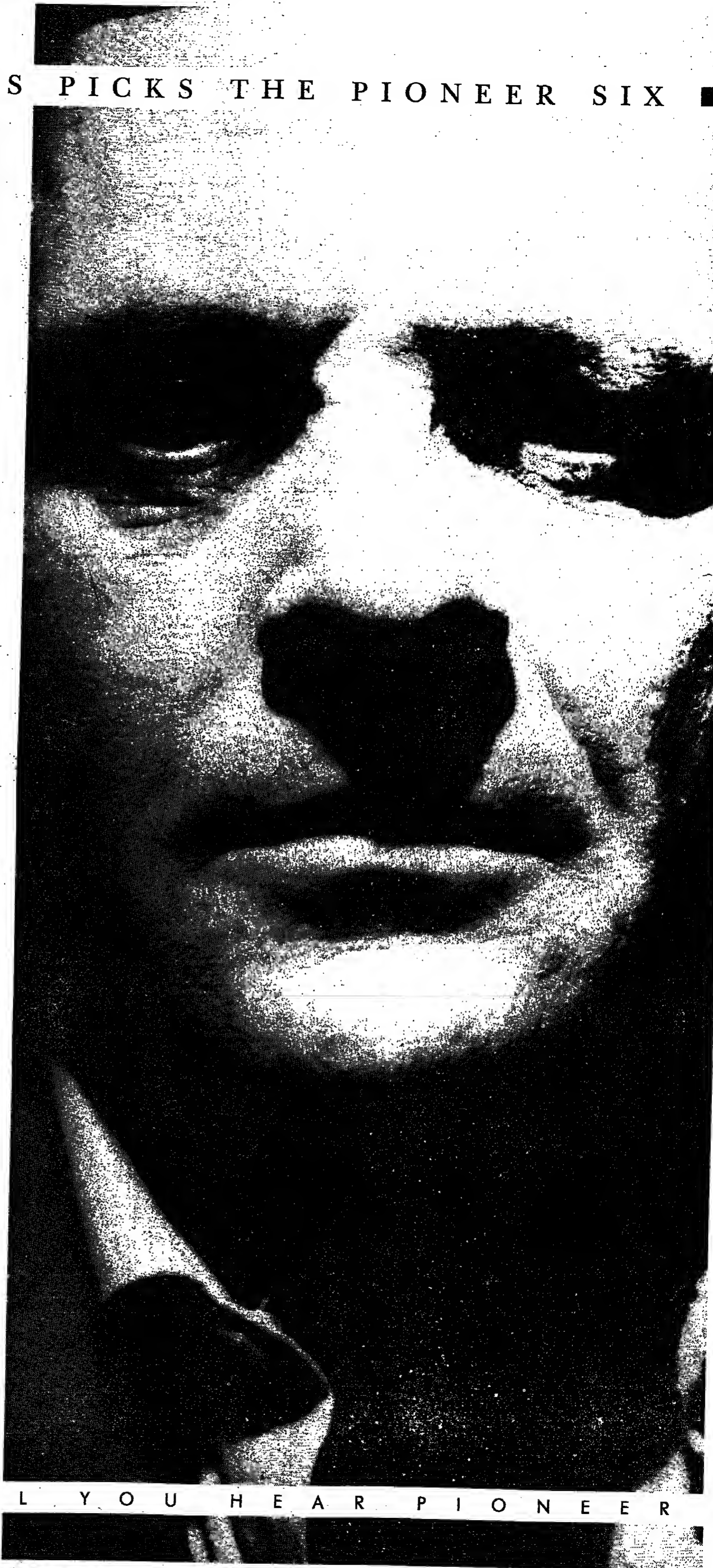
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THE TIMES PROFILE GRAHAM GREENE

Remark in the New York Times to the effect that Graham Greene was "the largest of living English novelists" annoyed the American writer John Updike so much that he wrote a poem. It began: "You are large, Father Graham, the young fan opined, "And your corpus is bulky indeed."

The climax of this early phase of irritation and rebellion was his conversion to Catholicism at the age of 22. He met the Catholic girl he was to marry at Balliol, Oxford, after she pointed out a theological error he had made in a film review. He grew curious about the faith. He took instruction from a Father Trollope and realised that "I was facing the challenge of an inexplicable goodness."

When up to A Burnt-Out Case in 1961, came the long string of works known by the critics as "the Catholic novels" as well as the works like Brighton Rock and The Ministry of Fear which Greene deprecatingly described as "entertainments."

most famously in Major Scobie's decision to be damned for the sake of another in The Heart of the Matter or the lethal innocence of Pyle in The Quiet American.



BIOGRAPHY

- 1904: Born, October 2. Educated Berkhamstead and Balliol College, Oxford.
1926: Publication of his first book, Babbling April.
1926-30: On staff of The Times.
1927: Married Vivien Dayrell-Browning; one son, one daughter.
1929: Published The Man Within
1935: England Made Me
1938: Brighton Rock
1940: Hawthornden Prize for The Power and the Glory
1940-41: Literary Editor, The Spectator.
1941-44: War service
1949: Wrote screenplay for The Third Man.
1955: Loser Takes All and The Quiet American
1958: Our Man in Havana.
1966: Made a Companion of Honour.
1977: Member of the Panamanian delegation to Washington for signing of the Canal Treaty.
1978: The Human Factor
1984: Made a Commander des Arts et des Lettres by France.
1985: Publication of The Tenth Man, his 68th book.



The greening of Graham: from early promise, left, through maturity to the unassailable status of the doyen at his home in Nice, right

with unfinished works, "stilt-born books. Failures." He has said: "I have not written the book I wanted to write."
He has developed a unique international persona. He wrote a book, Getting to Know the General, about General Omar Torrijos of Panama and he has revisited many of his old haunts, though this time as a statesmanlike figure on conversational terms with people like Castro.

visit to London he has reverted to something of his old, secretive style. He had observed that every time he brought out a book there was a huge demand for interviews in expectation that it would be his last. This time a message came from his sister that he did not wish to talk.

Instead he remains close to the Rider Haggards and the Percy Westernmas of his childhood. At his best this produces a spare, direct narrative ability without equal. And it is this storytelling power which should ensure him a long term place in the distinguished English tradition of good-bad writers like Conan Doyle or J B Priestley.

novelist - it is his salvation to forget." He adds: "And a writer is after all a kind of criminal without a conscience. How many people have died at his hands and been forgotten by the killer?"
The words hark back to his often-quoted remark that a writer must have a splinter of ice in his heart and they reveal again the extent to which he has always seen his characters as players in a moral fable. This often gives rise to the uneasy sense that the familiar theology can simply be detached without damaging the real structure of the novel. Revealingly, he has lamented the decline from the moral drama of Medieval literature to the drama of character of the world of the Enlightenment. Shakespeare's greatness, he feels, arose from his ability to feed off both traditions.

Among his contemporaries, a shared sense that the literary tradition was suffering from a kind of exhaustion resulted in the dazzling imaginative enterprises of Nabokov and the inward voyage of Beckett. In England Greene has written nothing to compare with the philosophic clairvoyance of Iris Murdoch nor can his realisations of religion in prose match the intensity of William Golding.

Bryan Appleyard

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Graham Greene Country. Visited by Paul Hogarth with a foreword and commentary by Graham Greene is published by Pavilion at £20.
The exhibition Travels in Graham Greene Country is at the Francis Kyle Gallery, 9, Maddox Street, London W1 from October 21st to November 20th.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1081

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. Across: 8 Son's wife (8,2,3), 9 Sheltered side (3), 10 Close-by person (9), 11 Funny (5), 13 Frequent visitor (7), 16 Abandons (7), 19 Speak lengthily (5), 22 Dawdler (9), 24 Rabbie (3), 25 Delight in one's misfortune (13). Down: 1 Became muddled (6), 2 Dinner jacket (6), 3 Candle maker (8), 4 Peak (6), 5 Tall (4), 6 Using full power (3,3), 7 Turn suddenly (6), 12 Feet sorrow (3), 14 Pamphlet (8), 15 Heat treated (1,1,1,1), 16 Stop (6), 17 Ease (6), 18 Deposits eggs (6), 20 Defensive covering (6), 21 Symbol (6), 23 Heels (4).

SOLUTION TO NO 1080
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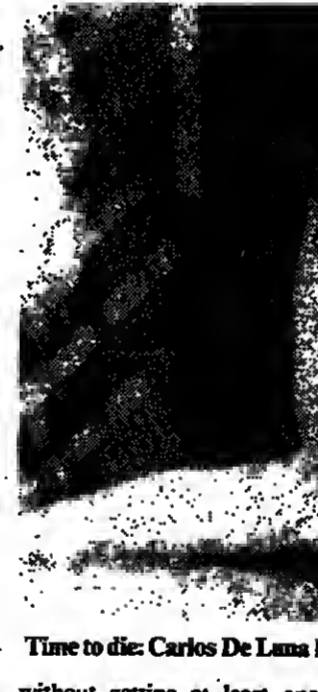
On Death Row, with time to kill

Carlos De Luna, three years condemned, will probably die in a matter of weeks. Paul Valley found him as much a victim of politics as justice

Looking into the eyes of a man who is condemned to die it is hard to resist the temptation to make a judgement. Carlos De Luna was aged 24 this time last week. In the early hours of yesterday, he was scheduled to die. It was something he had waited a long time for and now he will have to wait a little longer for in the early hours of execution. He has, at least, 20 more days to live.

He is a convicted murderer, found guilty of stabbing to death Wanda Jean Lopez, a petrol station attendant in the town of Corpus Christi in southern Texas in February 1983. All along he maintained his innocence, but few people believed him.

chance for the electric chair to the local prison. He is contemptuous of the lethal injection which replaced electrocution in Texas when the death penalty was reintroduced in 1982.
If a man is sentenced to death, he ought to have something to fear rather than a needle which lets him go to sleep. When you kick that motor on and you hear it moan - well, that gets him a little upset.



Time to die: Carlos De Luna has waited three years on Death Row, so what's another 20 days?

without getting at least one stay."
He had a handsome face with the complexion of a young child, but the fluency in his conversation seemed to flow from a disquiet. "The courts are like the weather. You cannot predict them. Everyone in here goes crazy. One guy cut his veins and hanged himself last month.

"The courts should stop playing these games. If one of us kidnapped, someone and locked them up for ten years and told them every day that they were to be killed, people would say it was a barbaric crime. But for the state it is legal. It is like abortion; it is the very same people who are against killing babies who are in favour of killing me."

He was not a diatribe. It was an expression of bewilderment. "I have been here three and a half years. In that time I have had time to think and learned to take life more seriously. I suppose, I've got my college diploma and started to make little jewellery boxes. People seem to think they are quite good. Maybe I could make a living out of it if I wasn't in here."

The pathos of that absurd hypothesis seemed suddenly acute. So did his elches which were now all too literal. "I've said I'm innocent and I'll say that until the day I die. But where there's life there's hope. No one's been executed on their first time yet." He clutched at this, though he was wrong.

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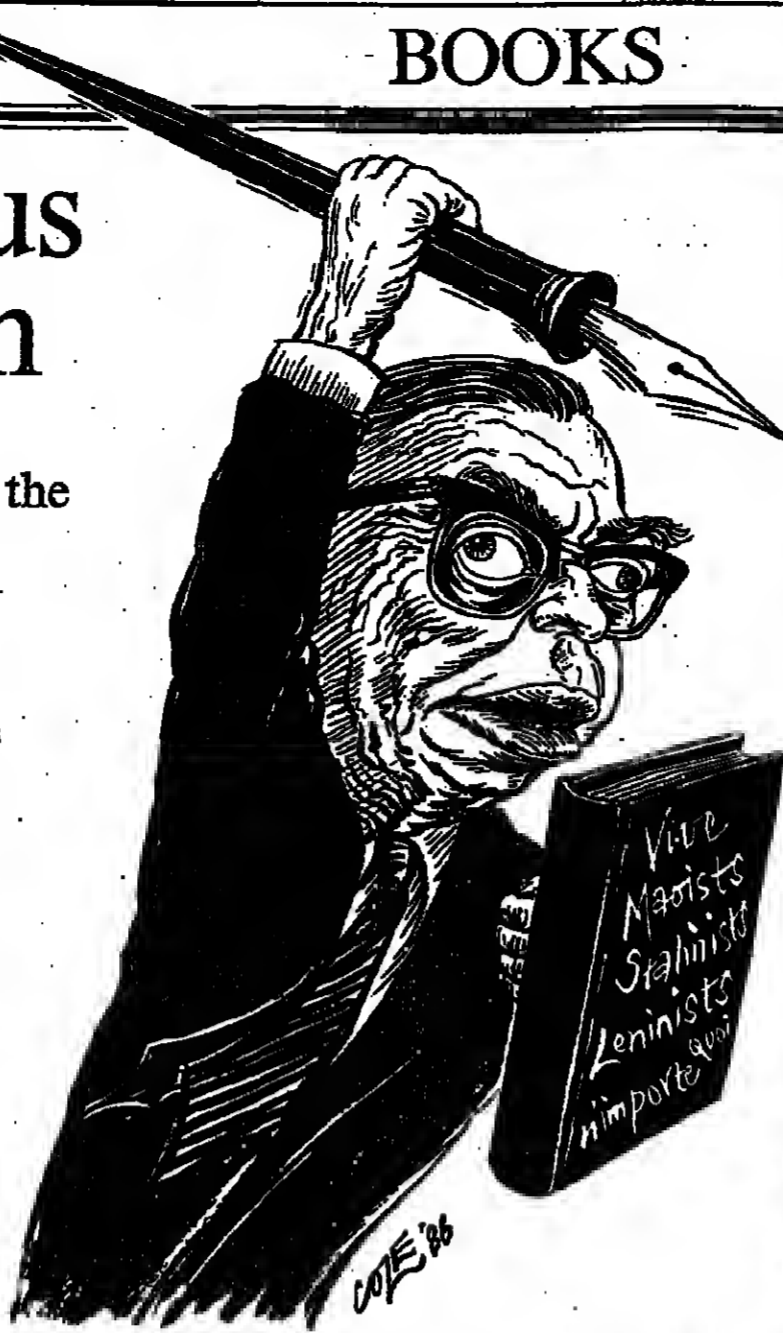
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THE TIMES DIARY

Sub secrets surfacing

After the scuttling of the Soviet submarine near Bermuda earlier this month...

The latest recruit - and first party leader - to join the women-in-Parliament 300 Group?

Pik hits it

A cherished moment for David Steel during his tour of South Africa came during a meeting with Pik Botha...

Tax and tecs

There's nothing like television for promoting a conference on supply side economics...

Notice outside the surgical wing of a hospital in South Devon: "Geared Dogs Operating. Beware."

Mouthful

Edwina Currie may not be quite so steely-hearted as we all imagine. At the beginning of her career...

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Pungent

Parisian perfume manufacturer Parfums Weil has asked Macmillan to send it a few Rudyard Kipling books for tonight's champagne launch...

Sidelong look

In a week when we have all become involuntary China watchers, I discover a most engaging booklet, published in the People's Republic...

Reykjavik: a note of optimism - and a dilemma for Mrs Thatcher

Why the summit succeeded

by David Owen

The Reykjavik summit marks not the end of serious arms control negotiations but the beginning.

Gorbachov gambled by making major changes in the Soviet position right up to the end and then hoped to bounce Reagan over the SDI hurdle.

It is all very well for the armchair critics to say that summit meetings should be held only for heads of government to sign previously negotiated texts.

It is not surprising that former presidential advisers in recent Democratic and Republican administrations who have never won a vote in their lives should take the bureaucratic view.

Those who now cry "I told you so" are the small men. Reagan and Gorbachov were right to gamble.

I suspect the best answer lies now not in trying to make substantial changes to the ABM treaty but accepting that it will last for

10 years on the narrow interpretation which Gorbachov insisted upon in his attempt to prevent SDI development.

President Reagan should remind himself that he launched SDI with an announcement that it was a non-nuclear programme. He should tell those American scientists who are urging him to keep open the option of a nuclear explosion in space...

Gorbachov, for his part, should accept, at least for a period, that the US will not sign a comprehensive test ban treaty.

Gorbachov should remember that Reagan's commitment to SDI may well not be shared by the president who takes office in 1997.

A gigantic stride was taken in Iceland towards making the world a safer place by reducing the risk of nuclear war.

Lawrence Freedman shows how Reagan has embarrassed his allies

The argument at Reykjavik over SDI was based on different interpretations of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

It may be that Gorbachov was pushing for an unduly restrictive amendment to the treaty.

There has always been tension between the ABM and SDI. The treaty forbids attempts to build nationwide defences against ballistic missiles.

Until now the two have been reconciled on the basis that the treaty does not actually forbid research.

So long as the effort is confined solely to research neither side could expect to break out because, with systems as complex as these, considerable development work and testing would have to be undertaken before any deployment decision.

The initial Soviet response to SDI was to argue that it should be abandoned completely and any research related to space-based systems prohibited.

Gradually Moscow came to modify its position, accepting that "laboratory" research could be permitted, although the precise meaning of this term has yet to be determined.

Proposed that the withdrawal period should be extended from six months to 15 years. This would in effect make it impossible to plan an effective defence.



Can we still go along with Star Wars?

terms that was considered hopeful if for no other reason than that it indicated that SDI was now negotiable.

This was spelt out by the President in a speech to the United Nations last month, in which he outlined his seven and a half-year timetable.

It seems unlikely that such a plan could be agreed in two years, especially as the side offering it would be under no obligation to make it all acceptable to the other.

The key phrase in the speech is that until 1991 the two sides could continue to research, develop and test strategic defences "as permitted by the ABM Treaty".

It may be that this is what President Reagan had in mind but it would be surprising for a system based solely on land-based

interceptors would be extremely limited in what it could achieve. It might be suitable for protecting some military installations, such as missile silos or command centres, although even this could not be guaranteed.

A reading of the treaty does not suggest that any other type of development and testing is permitted. However, a year ago the Reagan administration broached a new interpretation which, if offered by the Soviet Union, would have quite properly been greeted by Washington with derision.

Article V of the Treaty is quite specific: "Each Party undertakes not to develop, test or deploy ABM systems or components which are sea-based, air-based, space-based, or mobile land-based." That seems comprehensive and unambiguous, but the administration's lawyers have sought to discover a loophole.

This statement was insisted

Ronald Butt

Labour's soft underbelly

As usual the party conference this year changed the political scene in ways hardly predictable. The Tories had been fighting defensively to prove that they are not indifferent to the social services and unemployment.

But the key to the transformation is in the Labour Party. For all its emollient publicity, Labour after its conference is deeply damaged by the grizzly light which its defence policy has shed on its wider claim to moderation.

Had Labour simply undertaken to renounce Polaris for example, many serious about defence but disenchanted with the Tories on domestic policy might still have voted Labour.

Labour thus stands in the posture of an anti-Nato party which is at best neutralist if not anti-Western.

Why, then, did the Labour leader do it? First, the so-called soft left, of which Kinnock is the leader, still nurtures the old Labour sentiment that there are no real enemies on the left.

Second, Labour's hope is that the nation is so preoccupied with

domestic policy that it will turn a blind eye to defence, or persuade itself that Labour does not mean what it says.

It is not simply that the anti-Nato policy is one with which Kinnock is personally comfortable. The explanation is that this defence policy is the price paid for buying off the left.

The calculated risk is that elections are won on domestic policy and that nothing more disturbs Labour's New Deal prosperity image in which socialism is hardly mentioned.

But why did the left accept the bargain? The reason is that for the first time since the war it sees a chance of breaking the foreign policy consensus.

But Neil Kinnock also declared that Labour would refuse to accept the Nato nuclear umbrella because to accept it would be immoral.

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moreover... Miles Kington

And as they near the dotted line...

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Some optimists in European foreign ministries hoped that the question of what is "permitted by the ABM Treaty" was sufficiently intriguing to encourage Moscow to enter into discussions.

The governments of America's allies now have to explain why a remarkable arms control package should be put in jeopardy to protect a programme that is unlikely to yield much of value and can proceed only on the basis of a contrived version of ABM.

What does this mean, in particular, for Britain's own participation in SDI research? This has been justified as being well within the terms of the ABM Treaty.

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In an effort to impress the IOC committee, Dong Pong has flown all the members to China, given them a slap-up meal and flown them back again.

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Strains ahead when baby seeks a bride

The arrival at Heathrow this week of thousands of Asians seeking entry into Britain has again drawn attention to the immigration issue.

Another way of looking at future prospects is through the labour force survey released by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. This shows that, in terms of age, the three main communities of Asian origin now living in Britain break down as follows:

So, unless there is a change in family habits during the next few years, the proportion of such young people choosing their spouses from the subcontinent is likely to increase.

the United Kingdom, admission will be refused. After marriage, there is then a 12 months probationary period.

One wonders how much the parents' influence is felt. The Home Office recognizes the arranged marriage to be valid as an institution, subject to the safeguard against it being used primarily to settle a spouse here.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 15: His Excellency Dr J.L.S. Abbey was received by the Prince of Wales and the Princess Anne. Mrs Mark Phillips...

celebration of the University's 150th Anniversary at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips...

today received Group Captain M.B. Elam on relinquishing his appointment as Station Commander, and Group Captain C.C. Colville on assuming this appointment.

Sale room Tiny flask fetches £308,000

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

A rock-crystal flask, only four inches high, was sold for £308,000 (estimate £60,000-£80,000) at Sotheby's yesterday. It was carried during the late tenth or early eleventh century and is a product of the high artistry achieved in Egypt and neighbouring territories under the rule of the Fatimid caliphs.



A hand-coloured lithographed plate from Gould's Birds of Australia.

The flask sold yesterday is, however, the best of the group and ranks with the finest rock-crystal flasks of the period. Many of these are preserved in church treasuries, for they were already highly regarded in the Middle Ages; several were mounted in Europe and used as reliquaries.

past two years, prices for Turkish art were high with an Isnik "Damasco" dish of around 1500 at £16,500 (estimate £18,000-£22,000). The sale totalled £520,008 with 17 per cent left unsold.

Beautiful Britain in Bloom

Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, presented national awards at the Beautiful Britain in Bloom ceremony held yesterday at Vintners' Hall, Lord Pary was the host.

Lecture

Royal Society of Chemistry The first Royal Society of Chemistry public lecture on chemistry and society was delivered yesterday evening at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, London.

Memorial meeting

Professor L. Kessel Mr George Bonney presided at a memorial meeting for Professor Linmann Kessel held yesterday at the Royal College of Surgeons. The other speakers were Dr Sydney Gottlieb, Mrs Ineka Doctor, General Sir John Hackett, Professor Hugh de Wardener, Mr George Thompson, Mr John Strahan, Miss Wendy Kates, Mr Ian Bayley, Mr Michael Laurence, Mr Peter Wolfe, Mr Michael Foot, MP, Pastor A.J. Wissing, Mr T.P. McEenna and Mr Adrian Mitchell.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.J.H. Scott and Dr E.K. Bungay The engagement is announced between Harry, son of Sir Peter and Lady Scott, of Inisard, Northamptonshire, and the daughter of Mr E.H. Bungay and the late Mrs L.E.E. Bungay, of Bath, Avon.

Lunches

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Prime Minister of Sudan. The other guests were: Sayer, Deputy Prime Minister, Sudan; Ambassador of the Sudan, Ambassador of the Sudan, Ambassador of the Sudan...

OBITUARY M GEORGES DUMÉZIL

Supreme scholar of myth and language M Georges Dumézil, French archaeologist, linguist and historian of Indo-European civilizations, died in Paris on October 11. He was 88.

VISCOUNT BEARSTED

Viscount Bearsted, TD, financier and merchant banker, died yesterday at the age of 77. Marcus Richard "Dick" Samuel, 3rd Viscount Bearsted, was born on June 1, 1909, and educated at Eton and New College, Oxford.

Science report

Body 'ignores food additives' An investigation into the possible effects of food additives on health for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food indicates that the body may "learn" to ignore them.

Service dinners

Mr Philip Carpenter presided at the annual Trafalgar dinner and naval attaches night of the Anchovies held at the Café Royal last night. Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Staff, was the principal guest.

Memorial service

A memorial service for Dame Geraldine Aves was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Bishop of Stepney officiated and gave an address and was assisted by the Rev John Austin.

Birthdays today

Lord Adrian, 59; Mr Peter Bowles, 50; Mr Max Bygraves, 64; Earl De La Warr, 65; Mr Greiv, 85; Mr Tony Griffiths, 59; Mrs Angela Launbury, 61; Lord Macdonald of Gwaensygor, 71; Lord Maclehosse of Beoch, 69; Sir John Winnifriith, 78.

Marriage

The marriage took place on at All Saints, Braishfield, Hampshire, on Saturday, October 11, of Mr Brian Harris, son of the late Mr Richard Harris and Mrs Donette Harris, and Miss Sarah Dodson, daughter of the late Mr John Philip Dodson and Mrs Doris Ingoldby.

Appointment

Mr John Beaven to be Ambassador to Sudan, in succession to Sir Alexander Stirling, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

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MR KEENAN WYNN Mr Keenan Wynn, a versatile character actor who appeared in more than 200 films, died on October 14. He was 70. He often played tough-guy secondary roles and was noted for his performance as a gangster alongside Lee Marvin in Point Blank and in Stanley Kubrick's Dr Strangelove, in which he is remembered as a gun-happy colonel who machine-gunned a soft drinks machine.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

BIRTHS
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IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

Church news

Appointments
The Rev J Baker, Rector, Newick St Church, Chichester, will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday, October 19th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLUTTON-BROCK - On October 13th 1986, peacefully at Franchise Hospital, Elmbridge Professor John Clutton-Brock, very dear husband of Joyce and loving father to his family, died at the age of 78.

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Bunzl group spends £4.5m

Bunzl, the paper and transport group, has acquired two companies, Stag Plastics from McCorquodale Group for £2.75 million, and Tredmar Chemicals in Melbourne, Australia, for £1.75 million.

Profits jump

Albert Fisher Group, the fruit and vegetable producer, showed a 12 per cent rise in pretax profits from £3.8 million to £4.4 million in the year ended August 31, on turnover up 37 per cent to £116 million. A final dividend of 0.9375p was paid after a one-for-three scrip issue, making a yearly total of 1.9375p, effectively 50 per cent up on last year.

Aitken rises

Aitken Hume International, the financial services group, announced pretax profits up volume terms for two years. And the high level is expected to continue during October, according to the Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey panel.

Merger pact

The boards of Eglintoo Oil and Gas and Osceola Hydrocarbons have agreed merger terms which they will recommend to shareholders. Eglintoo will offer 22 shares plus warrants to subscribe for a further five shares at 18p each for every 30 shares in Osceola.

Broker service

The National & Provincial Building Society will provide a stockbroking service from next year. The society, Britain's seventh largest with 351 branches, will market the new service with Allied Provincial Services, the regional stockbroking group.

Brooke buys

Brooke Tool Engineering has agreed to buy Moore Manufacturing Co. for £1.82 million and Edgar Allen Tools for £685,148. The total will be met through the issue of 8,003,960 new shares.

Payout raised

Abbey Life Group is paying an interim dividend of 2.5p (2.2p) for the six months to June 30. The company says trading in the third quarter has remained at a high level compared with last year.

Shoe losses

The shoe retailers Allebone & Soos reported a first-half pretax loss of £300,000 and said full-year prospects depend on pre-Christmas trade and the timing of property disposals.

Table with 2 columns: Market indicators and values. Includes FT 30 Share, FT-SE 100, Bergains, USM, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 2 columns: Stock Markets and Main Price Changes. Lists various stocks and their price movements.

Breakthrough for Britain in historic China trade deal

British exporters and Chinese trade officials yesterday signed what was hailed by both sides as the most significant series of trade agreements ever concluded between the two countries. The deals open up opportunities which could bring British companies exports worth several hundred million pounds. The deals have been stage-managed to coincide with the Queen's state visit to China, and marks the conclusion of two days of intensive trade discussions between the two sides, of which the high point was a cruise for Chinese trade officials around the Yangtze river estuary on board the Royal Yacht Britannia, hosted by a group of 25 British exporters.

Shop sales bounce to best volume rise for two years

Retail sales increases in September were the best in volume terms for two years. And the high level is expected to continue during October, according to the Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey panel. Mr John Saitise, the panel chairman, said yesterday: "Clothing shops are the most buoyant, with 86 per cent of the companies surveyed expecting sales in October to be higher than a year ago."

Car sales spur US retail total to record high

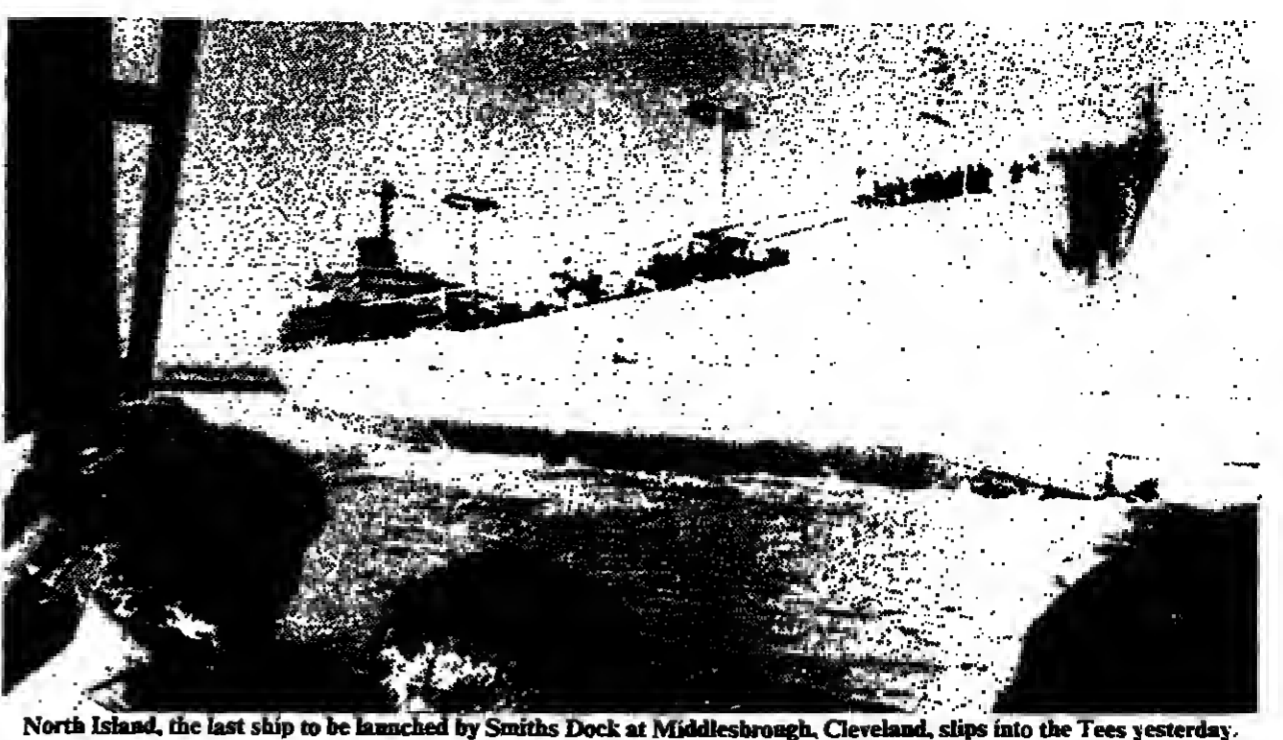
Retail sales in the United States increased a record 4.6 per cent last month, the largest one-month gain in 20 years. Commerce Department officials said yesterday the gains were attributed almost exclusively to the wave of car buying spurred by low interest rates and cut-rate financing programmes offered by the big car manufacturers anxious to clear out high inventories of 1986 models.

Interest rates firm as dealers await Lawson

Interest rates on the London money markets firmed again yesterday, ahead of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's speech at the Mansion House tonight. Dealers fear that base rates will have to rise again unless Mr Lawson is convincing on monetary policy. This afternoon's figures for the public sector borrowing requirement last month, expected to be about £3 billion, could also upset sentiment.

\$560bn plan beats deadline

An important compromise was reached yesterday on a record \$560 billion spending plan for fiscal 1987 by United States House and Senate negotiators that virtually assured passage of the Bill before the midnight deadline when the Government's spending authority expired. The breakthrough came when the negotiators agreed on defence spending outlays of \$291.8 billion (£204 billion) which the White House described as acceptable and a compromise figure of \$13.3 billion for foreign aid programmes.



North Island, the last ship to be launched by Smiths Dock at Middlesbrough, Cleveland, slips into the Tees yesterday.

Rockware first half profits up

Rockware, the glass and plastics containers group, made taxable profits of £193,000 in the 26 weeks to June 29, against £106,000 in the previous first half, on turnover marginally lower at £55.8 million. The profits were helped by a £15,000 credit from taking a pension fund holiday. The holiday from contributions will last for two years.

Beazer sells 29% of BM

Beazer, the Bath house-builder, has made a £9 million profit by selling a 29 per cent stake in its construction plant offshoot BM which is now expected to embark on a major expansion programme. There is speculation that it plans to launch a takeover bid for Blackwood Hodge, the earthmoving equipment firm.

Helene hit by Barron losses

The fashionwear group Helene of London reported a set back in half-time profits due largely to losses at the dress manufacturer Peter Barro which it acquired only last year. Profits fell from £24,000 last time to £48,000 in the six months to June 30.

Rivlin wins

ID & S Rivlin, the former textile company, has won its agreed £42 million bid for Marlborough Property Holdings, transforming itself into a fully-fledged property company.

City sceptical of Christie bid

After a day of heavy speculation in the shares of Christie's, the City was taking a sceptical view last night of prospects of a takeover bid for the fine art auctioneers from their much smaller rival, Phillips. Christie's shares leapt 51p to 311p in early trading after a statement from Mr Christopher Weston, the Phillips chairman, that there was logic in bringing the two firms together. The two companies would complement each other well, he said.

Lloyd's brokers move to insure themselves

Lloyd's insurance brokers, worried by the escalating costs and contracting cover of their errors and omissions insurance policies, are the latest group of professionals to consider setting up a mutual scheme to insure themselves. Both accountants and solicitors have recently announced plans to insure themselves because the conventional insurance market is unable to give the required cover.

Emhart in £80m shoe plant sale

BUSM, the Leicester-based former British United Shoe Machinery and one of the biggest manufacturers of footwear machinery, is being sold by Emhart Corporation of the United States for \$115 million (£80 million) in a management buyout. Emhart, which has been following a strategy of moving out of cyclical manufacturing, is selling out to a management team led by Mr John Forster, marketing director, and Mr Neville Burton, production director, together with two other directors, Mr Richard Bates and Mr Lawrence Dowley.

ISRO chief

Mr Ian Steers, the tough chairman of the International Securities Regulatory Organization (ISRO), who had been strongly tipped as joint chairman of the International Stock Exchange to be formed by the merger of the Stock Exchange and the ISRO grouping of big international traders, is not standing as a candidate.

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APPOINTMENTS

Reshuffle at Legal & General

Legal & General: Mr John Elbourne becomes managing director, life and pensions. Mr Brian Palmer becomes managing director, general insurance. Mr Ted Tilly becomes managing director, (international), Mr John Craddock director (agency), Mr Chris Hairs director (finance) and actuary, Mr Colin Harris becomes director (life), Mr Chris Hatry director (pensions), Mr Mike Jarvis director (information systems) and Mr Michael Kidner director (financial consultancy).

Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy: Mr Arnold Marton is elected president.

Hambros Bank: Mr David Tapper is appointed an executive director of the Treasury and Capital Markets Division. ESS-Food (UK) Group: Mr Beat H Knudsen is elected chairman.

John Crowther Group: Mr Richard Tew joins the executive board.

Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association: Mr J D Neville is appointed a director.

Midland Bank: Mr Ian Hay Davison becomes a non-executive director.

Quayle Munro: Mr Robert W L Leggett is made a director.

Laing & Cruickshank Investment Management Services: Mr E N Langley, Mr K O C Merrick and Mr R J Bolan become directors, investment management division.

Opposition leaders call for British membership of EMS

Base rates rise comes under fire

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

The Government's economic policies came under sharp attack from opposition leaders yesterday after the decision to raise bank base rates by one percentage point to halt the slide in sterling.

Both Labour and SDP leaders claimed that the country was in the grip of a short-lived, pre-election consumer boom founded on easy credit. They said that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, should consider taking Britain into the European Monetary System in order to steady the markets.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, said membership of the 'snake' - the arrangement under which Continental states peg their currencies within a closely defined range - would leave foreign exchange dealers in no doubt that Britain was determined to pursue a monetary policy to support the pound, keep inflation down, and restrict consumer credit.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor, accused the Government of creating a 'sterling crisis' but was more guarded in his attitude towards the EMS. Britain ought to join, he said, but only when the time was ripe and only under certain conditions.

Entry at a sustainable exchange rate that both encouraged British exports and took account of the deterioration in the balance of payments resulting from the slump in oil revenues.

Monetary cooperation making less use of pooled reserves and less use of competitive increases in interest rates.

Mr Hattersley told the General Federation of Trade Unions conference in Manchester that a more stable pattern of exchange rates would undoubtedly help British industry, though the proponents of EMS membership had 'grotesquely exaggerated' its benefits.

more important was a strong economic base generating a strong trading performance.

Dr Owen, speaking in King's Lynn, said that overseas investors had lost faith in the Chancellor and had rumbled the Conservative strategy of 'spend now, vote for us, pay later'.

GDP growth of 1.4 per cent in the last 12 months while consumer demand rose by 5 per cent was a recipe for continuing sterling crises and uncertainty in the markets about the direction of the British economy.

EMS membership was not a 'soft option', he added.

China tie-up for Ulster high-tech power firm

From Robert Rodwell, Belfast

High-technology automated power grid monitoring and control equipment, developed by Circuits and Systems Design, the Ulster company, is to be produced under licence in China.

The software for such equipment, developed in China, is being used by Britain's Central Electricity Generating Board.

The formal announcement of a tie-up between CSD of Lisburn, County Down, and China's Nan Jing Power Automation Company, is expected during the tour of a five-company Ulster industrial mission to China, which left Belfast yesterday.

'We already have a joint venture with Nan Jing under way. They are strong on software and are supporting our efforts in the British market, while we have hardware they are anxious to make for their huge home market,' said Mr John Cunningham, CSD founder and chairman, before the mission left.

The companies on the mission have been chosen by the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board for their high-technology products in which China has a licence-building interest after its recent decision to recognize the rights of foreign licensees.

The mission, openly designed to ride on the Queen's coat-tails with visits to Beijing and Shanghai, also includes James Mackie and Sons, the Belfast textile machinery company.

Guthrie back with £8.2m

From Robert Rodwell, Belfast

Guthrie Corporation, the industrial holdings company which returned to the market in June after a five-year absence, yesterday announced pretax profits of £8.2 million (£5.8 million in 1985) for the six months to June 30.

The company is not paying an interim dividend.

Monotype up

Monotype Corporation, the USM-quoted printing equipment manufacturer, lifted profits 43 per cent from £288,000 to £413,000 in the six months to end-June.

Turnover was up from £12,802,000 to £13,275,000, and earnings per share jumped from 1.4p to 2p. An interim dividend of 1.6p is being paid, against 1p last time.

Re-development work on Monotype's plant at Salford, Oxfordshire, is expected to begin next year.

Call for caution on new shipbuilding orders

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

A warning was given to the shipping industry yesterday not to allow an improvement in the market for oil tankers to provoke a rash of shipbuilding orders.

Mr Michael Revell, senior vice-president of Marine Midland Bank, said the industry was almost at the end of what had been not only the worst shipping depression in history, but also one of the worst to affect any international industry.

He estimated that during the last three years financial institutions had accepted losses of at least \$2 billion (£1.4 billion) on shipping business.

Ten years ago a total of 70 million tonnes of shipping was on order compared with about 24 million tonnes now.

But a worrying threat to future market stability must be shipbuilding orders. It could not give the industry any pleasure to see the recent surge in tanker rates stimulating orders, thereby putting the worldwide order book for large tankers at its highest level in seven years, he said.

NI director resigns

News International's director of development, Mr Brian Horton, has resigned and is leaving the company at the end of this month. Mr Horton, a previous foreign editor and managing editor of The Times, has been a director since 1983, responsible for cable and satellite. Mr Richard Seaby QC, chairman of News Corporation, said: 'Mr Horton has fulfilled a vital role for the group in the development of satellite television. We wish him well.'

Bond names shell for springboard into Hong Kong

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Mr Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, has revealed the vehicle he will use to spearhead his expansion into Hong Kong and China.

Mr Bond, who recently announced he was paying HK\$1.4 billion (£120 million) for Hong Kong Land's residential property portfolio, is buying a shell company with a listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

The shell is Town and City International, which has property in Singapore. The shares closed at their year's high of HK\$0.92 before being suspended yesterday.

Mr Bond will offer HK\$1.13 a share, after all the property interests have been stripped out, and shareholders representing 98.1 per cent of the share capital have already agreed to the deal.

Mr Bond's merchant banker, Morgan Grenfell (Hong Kong), said about one quarter of Town and City's shares would eventually be traded on the market - certainly within six months.



Alan Bond: Company will be very active.

Mr Bond said: 'It will be a very active company.'

He will use his big property purchase as the core of his new company, based in Hong Kong, and will then inject most of his offshore interests.

Mr Bond's announcement is a big boost for the Crown Colony, especially in the wake of Jardine Matheson's move to become domiciled in Bermuda.

Mr Bond had no qualms about being based in Hong Kong after visiting China last year at the same time as Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister. He came back convinced that the Pacific Basin will be a big growth area.

In March last year he set up a liaison office in Hong Kong to seek out takeover opportunities. A number were rejected before the Hong Kong Land deal because he was determined his first move into Hong Kong would cause a big splash.

COMPANY NEWS

- HC SLINGSBY: Figures in £000. Turnover for six months to June 30 was 3,225 (2,862). Pretax profit was 132 (149). Tax was 49 (47) and earnings per share were 8.3p (10.2p). The interim was 1.2p (seamless).
IRISH GLASS: Figures in £000 for year to June 24. The final dividend was 1.5p making 2.25p (1.5p) for the year. Turnover was 32,670 (32,635). Pretax profit was 1,071 (771). After tax profit was 241 (112). Earnings per share were 1.16p (0.71p).
THE EDINBURGH INVESTMENT TRUST: Figures in £000 for half year to September 30. The interim of 1.48p (1.30p) is payable on December 31. Pretax profit was 9,187 (7,773). Tax was 2,773 (2,536). Earnings per share were 2.23p (1.82p).
VLAKFONTEIN GOLD MINING: The company has entered into a provisional agreement with Gold Fields of South Africa and Gold Fields Property to acquire the title to the May reef, Transvaal, underlying the mineralized area, in consideration for 800,000 new fully paid shares in Vlakfontein, of which 694,424 will accrue to Gold Fields and 105,576 to GF Property.
MEDMINSTER: Final dividend 4.1p, making 6.25p (5.35p) for the year to June 30, payable 1st July. Turnover £11,713,835 (£12,917,074). Pretax profit £573,318 (£465,495). Tax £219,958 (£162,700). Earnings per share 17.67p (15.14p).
BARROW HEPBURN GROUP: The company has sold its Australian subsidiary, Colyer Watson (Vic), for approximately its net asset value of A\$394,000 (£176,000). In its last financial year to December 31, 1985, Colyer, a hide dealer, had a turnover of £3.7 million and made a trading loss of £14,000.
STEEL BROTHERS HOLDINGS: Figures in £ millions. Total turnover for six months to June 30 was 188.6 (191.5). Trading profit before interest and central costs in £000: Europe 1,698 (675); North America 2,041 (2,333); Middle East 2,855 (3,572); Asia Pacific 438 (23). Pretax profit was 5,491 (5,438).
SCANRO HOLDINGS: For the six months to June 30 an interim dividend of 1.5p (1.5p) will be paid on December 19. With figures in (£000), turnover 2,180 (2,100), trading profit 332 (451), investment income 3 (3), interest payable 60 (43), pretax profit 275 (411), tax 99 (123), extraordinary debit £3 (nil), earnings per share 4.31p (9.30p). The board says profits for the full year will be lower than for 1985.
RONALD MARTIN GEORGE: An interim dividend of 1.5p (nil) will be paid on January 2 for the six months to June 30. With figures in £000, turnover 6,300 (4,306), operating profit 759 (512), interest received 2 (3), interest payable 78 (55), pretax profit 683 (460), tax 254 (211), earnings per share 5.5p (3.6p).
DAVIDSON PEARCE: The advertising company has been appointed by Friends' Provident Life Assurance to handle a new £1.5 million corporate campaign beginning in January 1987.
REMBIA RUBBER: Figures for the half year to June 30 in £000. Turnover 18,998 (24,128). Pretax profit 37,334 (51,493). Tax 12,300 (17,200). Earnings per share 0.65p (0.89p).
HONDA: Six months to August 31. Net profit 46.32 billion yen or £205 million (£2.49 billion yen), pretax profit 98.04 billion yen (183.78 billion yen), sales 1,444 billion yen (1,507 billion yen).
FOGARTY: Six months to June 30 (figures in £000). Interim dividend 1.6p (same). Sales 18,265 (17,319), pretax profit 126 (810) and earnings per ordinary share 0.2p (2.7p).
GEORGE DEW: Allied Plant Group has purchased or received acceptances in respect of an aggregate of 6,097,933 George Dew ordinary shares (76.3 per cent). The offer has been declared unconditional as to acceptances on October 16 and remains open until further notice.
LEISURE INVESTMENTS: Dividend 0.5p (nil) for the year to June 30. Figures in £000. Turnover 3,069 (2,501), gross profit 2,170 (1,488), profit before tax 808 (405) and eps 2.97p (1.92p).

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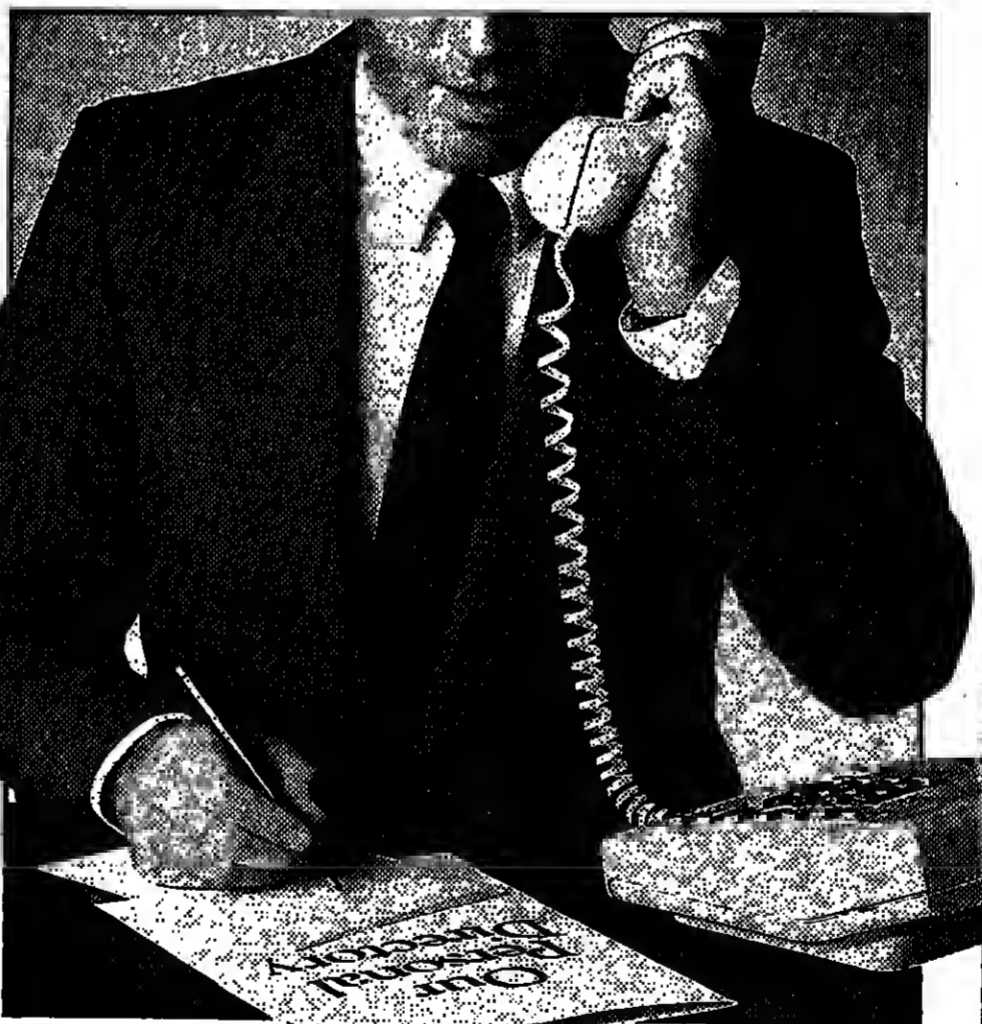
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Merchant developer plans SE debut

City Merchant Developers, the property company set up by Mr Maudslayi after an £18 million management buyout from Guinness Peat Properties, will come to the stock market for a full listing next spring.

At the same time CMD will be injected into ID & S Rivlin, the former textile company and property shell, whose agreed £42 million bid for Marlborough Property Holdings went unconditional yesterday.

It will be the final piece in a complicated jigsaw which has been rapidly assembled by Mr Maudslayi since the buyout 18 months ago.

The news comes in a week when CMD and its development partner Britel, the parent of the Hammserson Group, aims to have a one million sq ft office development programme in the City of London by the end of the year. After its purchase of Stone House in Bishopsgate, it has bought another City freehold, the 25,000 sq ft scheme being developed by Higgs & Hill Developments near the Royal Mint site. Hammserson, now has an 800,000 sq ft development programme in the City.

Simon fund for British Telecom, were appointed by the Crown Estate Commissioners to develop the site of the Royal Mint on the eastern edge of the City.

It is CMD's biggest undertaking so far at about £200 million. But the company is no stranger to office schemes in the Square Mile and it has worked with Britel before.

CMD's connection with Rivlin began when Rivlin bought 1.6 million of properties from CMD. In return the fledgling property company obtained 29.2 per cent of the textile firm. Mr Landau joined the Rivlin board with CMD's chairman, Sir Anthony Joffe.

CMD's stake in Rivlin drops to about 6 per cent on the acquisition of Marlborough. But CMD's board made it clear that it would offer all its issued share capital to Rivlin "at the appropriate time in the future". That time appears to have been set for early next year, completing the transformation into a significant property company with net assets of £40 million and a market capitalization of about £70 million.

Mr Landau is a firm believer in expanding the property company's asset base, which he aims to make £100 million.

"I regard net asset value growth as crucial. The development programme which for CMD stands at about £400 million, will be expanded but we will be careful to cover the risk," he said.

Rivlin will be an "institutional" property company. The quality of its portfolio will be of a kind to appeal to institutional investors. And Mr Landau will only develop schemes which are or are likely to be pre-funded by pension funds and insurance companies.

This means that the developer has to give away a large slice of the development profits to secure funding but it is a conservative philosophy which appeals to CMD's founder.

The desire to appeal to institutions means that some

The tender offer for 25 per cent of Baker Harris Saunders Group, the first commercial estate agent to come to the market, has been oversubscribed. The level of oversubscription and the allocation basis for shares will be announced today.

properties from the Marlborough portfolio will be sold. But there are development opportunities within it which are being explored.

New areas of income-producing activity are also being examined. Mr Jonathan Sieff, the general manager of Rivlin, has experience in the retail motor trade. He believes there are undervalued property assets waiting to be exploited in the sector.

A building management company may be established in response to the increasing need to manage property actively and maintain its value.

The Spitalfields Development Group, the consortium of London & Edinburgh Trust, Balfour Beatty and County Properties, is to join other developers in tendering for the chance to redevelop Spitalfields Market on the eastern fringe of the City of London.

SDG's hopes of dealing exclusively with the City of London Corporation, the market's owner, were dashed this week when the Corporation rejected the company's £150 million offer to build 1.3 million sq ft of offices on the site. SDG is to scale down the amount of offices proposed on the site.

Judith Huntley
 Commercial Property Correspondent

ECONOMIC VIEW
Why markets want to see a born-again Chancellor

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Chancellor's task in his speech at the Mansion House tonight is to convince the financial markets that a one percentage point rise in interest rates is the appropriate response to present monetary conditions and the recent pressure on sterling.

There are two possible approaches: one is to convince his listeners that if there is any financial laxity, it is adequately countered by a rise in rates of only one percentage point (difficult), and the other is to demonstrate that a clearer framework for monetary control is about to be put in place (unlikely).

The main arguments for discounting a large part of this year's rise in the broad measure of the money supply, M3, are three. First, the highest accounts which the banks have been offering in response to building society competition since 1984 have attracted a lot of money into bank deposits - and therefore £M3 - which would previously have been put into building societies. This money, it can be argued, is really savings rather than money held for transactions and is not therefore an immediate threat to inflation.

Secondly, the steep rise in people's wealth held in the form of houses or shares may have encouraged them to hold greater quantities of liquid assets to keep their liquidity ratio roughly stable. This, too, would not necessarily imply a surge in spending and inflation. Mr Giles Keating, chief economist with Credit Suisse First Boston, has refined this argument further by pointing out that most of the liquidity released by the boom in house prices accrues to those moving from larger houses to smaller houses. Typically, these are people reaching retirement who can be expected to regard the proceeds as savings rather than pocket money.

Thirdly, inflation has recently fallen faster than expected. When an asset depreciates more slowly, people are inclined to hold more of it, so there is a step change in the stock of money held.

All these arguments have something in them. The trouble is they were all used in 1972-73 after the institutional changes involved in Competition and Credit Control. And on that occasion, the rise in money did come tumbling through to prices.

Undoubtedly, the markets would accept the present level of interest rates if they were offered some tangible renewal of the commitment to firm monetary control. One possibility is that the Government

could return to the policy abandoned a year ago of overfunding the borrowing requirement and so taking the direct action to run down bank deposits.

The trouble with this - apart from the embarrassment of making a U-turn - is that its effect is to raise the cost of the Government's long-term borrowings and reduce the yield on its short-term lending, exactly the reverse of a sensible approach when the objective is to bring down inflation and interest rates.

A second possibility would be for the Government to allow markets to determine interest rates and abandon the paraphernalia of signals from the Bank of England and other forms of market management.

Attractive in theory, the likely increase in interest rate volatility has always scared the Government away in the past.

Thirdly, Britain could join the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. This alternative is beginning to seem like a panacea. It is nothing of the kind. There is every likelihood that if Britain were already a member, the Government would still be raising interest rates, though arguably from lower levels. Linking Britain to West German levels of inflation is not an easy option - that is why the market likes it. And it is the fear that sterling would regularly have to devalue within the system

that inclines the Prime Minister to stay out.

On the other hand, sterling has had to be devalued anyway, and the devaluation of the past fortnight has not exactly gone unnoticed. It might even be less obvious in the context of the general realignments favoured by EMS countries - that is one reason why France wants Britain in.

There is no doubt that the view in markets is that the additional certainty in relation to what is regarded as a very unstable currency would enable the general level of Britain's interest rates to be brought down nearer to those of our competitors. Rates would still fluctuate, but around a lower average level. On balance it is worth going in. And when better to do so than at Big Bang?

Jobless picture brightens

Today's unemployment figures will show a record total as this year's school leavers join the register of job seekers. But the outlook seems considerably more favourable.

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN EEC (1985)

Country	%
Luxembourg	7
Germany	11
Denmark	13
Netherlands	17
United Kingdom	19
Portugal (1984)	20
Greece	23
France	24
Ireland	25
Belgium	25
Italy	26
Spain	44

out of work for more than 12 months is about 1.4 million, so if the present Re-start reduces this by a tenth unemployment could as a result be about 140,000 lower by next spring when interviewing will have been completed.

The number of people who have been out of work for more than six months but less than 12 is about 600,000. Nobody can say whether Re-start will do as much for them as it has for those who have been out of work longer, but if it did that would take off another 60,000.

Much of the likely improvement in the trend will come from the Government's special employment measures. The most significant of the announcements by Lord Young, the Employment Secretary, at last week's Conservative Party conference was the decision to extend the Re-start programme from those out of work for more than 12 months to those without work for more than six months. This suggests that first impressions of the 12-month scheme are very encouraging.

Re-start involves inviting everyone of the longer-term unemployed to an interview with a counsellor.

Insofar as Re-start simply acts as a strainer for separating people into existing schemes, it does nothing further to reduce the total. But, in addition, about 10 per cent of the longer-term unemployed drop off the register after the first or second interview, usually because they were not really available for work in the first place.

The big question is how long do those leaving the register stay off? The pilot Re-start only started last January and national coverage from July, so evidence is still patchy. But the first indications are relatively encouraging. The average stay off the register is already more than 20 weeks and could well stabilize at about 40 weeks; in other words, once off the register, those who have been cheating the system should

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TEMPUS

Frost on the profits but Bejam's expansion goes on

Expansion by Bejam Group continues rapidly. Eighteen stores were opened last year and another 20 or so are planned for the year to next June. Yet the recent growth in profits can be described only as lacklustre.

Frozen food accounts for 82 per cent of turnover and sales grew by 8 per cent last year. 7 per cent was volume growth of which 5 per cent was attributable to new stores. Food price inflation was just 1 per cent. But other costs, especially wages, grew at a faster rate and net margins fell from 5.9 per cent to 5.58 per cent this year.

Bejam is ever conscious of the chill winds of competition, especially from the leading supermarkets who are devoting increasing amounts of space to frozen food.

With Bejam, they are exploiting the rapid growth in high-margin prepared frozen mixes and meals at the expense of the commodity items such as frozen peas. Greater affluence, the high proportion of working women and wider ownership of microwave ovens is fueling this growth.

Bejam is enjoying a spin-off benefit from Victor Value. Its buying power in groceries and chilled foods is allowing Bejam to devote more space to these items in the freezer centres to help it meet the challenge from the supermarkets.

With net debt standing at less than £1 million, the balance sheet is particularly healthy. The initial £5 million proceeds from the sale of Bejam's 50 per cent interest in the fish processor Olaf has been topped up by another £3.4 million, Bejam's share of Olaf's increased profits since the sale. This, and cash flow, has been more than enough to pay for Victor Value.

After capital spending of £26 million in 1985-1986 (including £10.3 million for Victor Value) capital spending to 1986-1987 will be much less since many of the new stores will be leased.

The current year has started well. First quarter results to September show a worthwhile increase, despite

the bad summer which severely affected ice-cream sales and the group should make £23 million for the year as a whole. The prospective multiple of 13 looks undemanding.

Aitken Hume
 Yet again NSR, Aitken Hume's American food management arm, has come to the rescue. Group results were boosted by a 65 per cent increase in NSR's trading profits to £3 million.

A show of loyalty from NSR saved Aitken Hume from Tranwood Group earlier this year.

Net increases for NSR's all-important mutual business, which is growing at the rate of \$100 million a month, amounted to \$0.5 billion. NSR accounted for 110 per cent of trading profits on continuing activities.

These were reduced to £2.8 million after taking into account corporate costs of £1.2 million, a £1.1 million contribution from banking and insurance and a loss of £93,000 from British fund management.

However, there are signs that Aitken Hume is trying to put the past behind it. Property, the subject of past concern, is virtually discontinued. A marketing drive is under way in the banking division, the aim being to increase private-client business, much of which now comes from the Middle East.

Sentinel Insurance has potential: new products are being well received. There is also a gain to be made by managing funds in house. However, fund management in general needs to be streamlined as costs are too high.

Adverse publicity and the threatened takeover have had an adverse effect on private-client business, which has fallen sharply. Total funds under management are £150 million, £60 million of which is unit trust money worth £75 million from Sentinel.

Credibility is a major problem both in terms of securing new business and of improving the City image. With profits set to exceed £5

million this year, the p/e ratio is a demanding 21 times held up by residual, but now misplaced, takeover speculation.

It will take time for Aitken Hume to rebuild its reputation. In the meantime, it is a luxury to hold the shares.

Albert Fisher Group
 Baco may not play a large part in Albert Fisher Group's activities, but the company continues to bring home the avocado, kiwi fruit and mango for its shareholders.

Pretax profits more than doubled to £8.4 million in the year to August 31 and, stripped of its new subsidiaries, the group showed underlying growth of 35 per cent, well above its self-imposed target of 20 per cent, with all three divisions - food in Britain and the US and British distribution - performing strongly.

Acquisitions continue to play an important part in Fisher's strategy. A fortnight ago, it paid \$13 million for the Tavilla Group, a Miami fruit and vegetable merchant, and yesterday it announced it was laying out up to \$6 million for Apex, a similar operation in Los Angeles.

The purchases fill in more holes in the Fisher network as it attempts to create a company covering the whole range of food operations.

Fisher is quite happy to see the gearing, now around 20 per cent, reach 70 per cent if the target is right, while its shareholders have come to know and love its rights issues.

The company is becoming definitely American-skewed with almost 60 per cent of last year's profits coming from across the Atlantic.

Currency worries notwithstanding, pretax profits should be up to £11 million this year and shareholders have been told to expect a 33 per cent higher dividend. The shares, 1p higher at 195p, stand on a p/e ratio of 13.8, which seems justified by the growth record.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet
Avoid the new sport of Panel-beating

It was always on the cards that with Big Bang just around the corner, life would become tougher for the referees and linesmen whose lot it is to keep the City in order. The Takeover Panel faces a more difficult task than most, keeping in check aggressive corporate financiers whose reputations, and indeed fee-earning capacity, will depend more than ever before upon winning.

A great deal is riding on today's full meeting of the Takeover Panel, convened to discuss the mysteries of the failure by a hairbreadth margin of Turner & Newall's bid for the AE automotive engineering group. Unless the circumstances are unravelled in full for all to see, and guilt or innocence clearly established to the City's satisfaction, we can expect a sharp rise in the popularity of panel-beating as a spectator sport.

The odd circumstances surrounding many baffling purchases and sales of shares in the Westland affair have to this day not been explained with the clarity and comprehensiveness appropriate to any system of self regulation worthy of the name. Perhaps the AE/Turner & Newall saga is the last chance before de-regulation to show that the tried and tested ways of achieving equality of treatment for all shareholders will retain their effectiveness afterwards.

The circumstances could hardly have been more bizarre. Days before the bid came to an end, so far unnamed buyers paid over 240p for shares in the beleaguered AE group. Those shares were crucial in the outcome, for T&N failed to win control of AE by less than 1 per cent of the votes. Within days after the £250 million offer lapsed, more than 10 per cent of AE's equity was placed at around 201p, showing a loss of perhaps £4.5 million to the sellers.

It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that in some way the temporary owners of the shares were friendly to AE and were happy to see the company retain its independence. It is for the panel to decide whether and how this apparent benefaction escaped the broadly drawn definitions that might construe it as the action of a concert party.

This much however is clear. An inconclusive outcome, one which fails to reveal both the identity and

motivation of those concerned, would be damaging to the authority of the Panel, and to self-regulation, which is set for even more testing times post-Big Bang. Anything less than a full and clear account of those odd events would leave the lingering possibility that those big enough or clever enough can ride roughshod over the rulebook. That would be a lamentable prelude to October 27.

Mutual comfort?

Lloyd's brokers are estimated to pay 10 per cent of their brokerage income in professional indemnity costs. Some are paying 20 per cent or more, which has to put a question mark over their long-term viability.

The brokers' difficulties are part and parcel of the soaring rates and contracting capacity in the liability insurance market worldwide. Their problems were exacerbated last year by the withdrawal from the market of Munich Re, the large West German reinsurer which picked up thumping losses on reinsurance from bush fires in Australia. The direct insurer was the Lloyd's broker Sedgwick.

The upshot of Munich's withdrawal was soaring rates. Now all the brokers, from the largest to the smallest, are complaining about the rising cost of professional indemnity as a proportion of total expenses.

The chances of a brokers' mutual succeeding are, however, far from certain. Nicholas Carter, managing director of Nelson Hurst & Marsh, a leading professional indemnity broker, says the rates being charged by underwriters are fair and reflect the claims experience of brokers.

The implication is that Lloyd's brokers have in the past and will continue to attract lawsuits at quite a brisk pace. With the threat of big PCW lawsuits hanging over some of the largest brokers at Lloyd's, underwriters are not likely to start relaxing rates.

An additional difficulty of setting up a mutual is that, although there are 256 Lloyd's brokers, the chances of a reasonable number wanting to share each others risks and insure each other is not believed to be that high. They would be too busy questioning each others' claims experience and quality of business.

New debt struggle for Poland

Poland is in danger of failing to meet this year's debt repayments because of a dwindling trade surplus and Western creditors' refusal to give fresh loans, according to diplomats and economists in Warsaw.

One Western diplomat said that it was a "foregone conclusion" that Poland

would seek a postponement of year-end payments in talks with the Paris Club of 17 Western governments.

Both sides were, however, preparing the basis of an agreement to reschedule loans, Mr Wojtowicz said. Last year, Poland fell behind in repaying some \$550 million (£382 million) which later had to be rescheduled. Diplomats estimated that a similar amount could be lacking in 1986.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Maxwell scoops 10% of McCorquodale

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Mr Robert Maxwell, millionaire publisher of the Daily Mirror, raided the stock market yesterday, picking up more shares in McCorquodale, the beleaguered specialist printer. Deslers were alerted after learning that Smith New Court, the investment house, was bidding 270p for 1 million shares (2 per cent), compared with the ruling market price, at the time, of 265p. The move, which caught dealers on the hop, lifts Mr Maxwell's stake in McCorquodale, now fighting off a £145 million bid from Norton Opar, to just under 10 per cent. Last week, McCorquodale broke off talks with a mystery white knight, thought to be Eitel, the news agency and financial information group. Mr Maxwell was said to have bought his original stake in McCorquodale to block any merger with Eitel. He already owns 25 per cent of Eitel and would not mind bidding for the rest. His task would be made that much more difficult if Eitel got together with someone else. Meanwhile, Norton Opar is...

Stag plastics business to Bunzl for £2.75 million. Talk during after-hours trading focused on the building sector with dealers convinced that a big bid is just round the corner. Pilkington Bros, English China Clay, Blue Circle and Itstock Johnson were all being tipped as targets. Pilkington led the way with an early rise of 20p to 483p after a report in this column yesterday suggesting that Rio Tinto-Zinc, the mining finance group, had built up a stake in the company. Speculation that RTZ, or even Hanson Trust, may now be ready to pounce boosted the shares again during late trading. They eventually closed 29p higher at 492p. Dealers are talking of a bid of 550p a share, valuing Pilkington at £1.2 billion. English China Clay, often the subject of takeover talk, advanced 15p to 31p hoping for a bid from the acquisitive BTR, which is now thought to be on the look-out for its next target. One leading broker is estimated to have spent £30 million picking up 10 million shares, or 0.5 per cent of the company. ECC carries a price tag of £240 million. Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement producer, rose 12p to 580p amid whispers that the group may be about to receive a bid from Mr Robert Holmes & Court's Glits opened easier but vulnerable to a bid and its share price has been hit by cheap cement imports and a dull profits outlook. Redland Johnson slipped 2p to 182p despite recent hopes that it may soon receive a bid from its rival Steetley. In 1982, Redland was on the receiving end of abortive bids from Hepworth Ceramic and Redland. The equity market resumed its upward trend again yesterday, recovering from the shock of the base rate rise. The FT 30-share index closed near its highest level of the day, up 14.1 at 1276.4. The broader-based FT-SE 100 index closed at 1607.5 up 15. Glits opened easier but

managed a small rally later with longer-dated bonds closing firmer by 1/2 and shorts by 3/16. Among blue chip stocks, Glaxo was the biggest mover, gaining 18p to 948p as analysts re-evaluated their assessments of the company's results. British Telecom firmed 4p to 190p, ICI 5p to 1107p, GKN 14p to 265p and Hawker Siddeley 8p to 447p. Oils were cautiously buoyant with Ultramar putting on 8p to 158p, Shell and BP both up 5p to 913p and 673p respectively. Enterprise 3p to 142p and I C Gas also 3p to the good at 516p. Stores also moved upwards with Burton leading the way at 280p, up 6p. GUS A shares and Marks and Spencer both gained 5p to 970p and 197p, Dixons and Boots 4p to 342p and 235p and Next 3p to 239p. Parly-paid TSB shares firmed another half-penny to 84p, with dealers reporting more buyers than sellers. Other banks also improved. Barclays, Lloyds and Midland all gained a couple and National Westminster firmed 3p to 517p. Telephone Rentals, Britain's biggest independent supplier of switchboard equipment, climbed 8p in late trading to 193p on talk that Phillips, the Dutch electricals giant, was about to bid.

WALL STREET

Early gain for shares

New York (Reuter) - Wall Street shares pushed ahead in moderate early trading yesterday as bonds recovered losses which occurred after the report of a 4.6 per cent gain in September retail sales. The Dow Jones Industrial average rose 6.61 points to 1,806.31. Advances led declines by almost two to one on volume of 45 million shares. Amerasia Hess led the actives, up 1 1/2 to 26 1/2.

Table with columns for stock symbols and prices. Includes AMR, ASA, Allied Signal, etc.

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Table listing financial futures for Three Month Sterling, Dec 86, etc.

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Table listing other sterling rates for Argentina, Australia, etc.

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Table listing Euro money deposit rates for various terms like 1 month, 3 months, etc.

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TAY SUCCESS

Tay Homes, the Yorkshire housebuilder quoted on the unlisted securities market, made pretax profits in the year to the end of July of £1.86 million, a rise 18.7 per cent on the previous year. Turnover rose 25 per cent and the number of units sold increased to 510 from 415.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities bounce back

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday. Dealings end October 24. Settlement day October 27. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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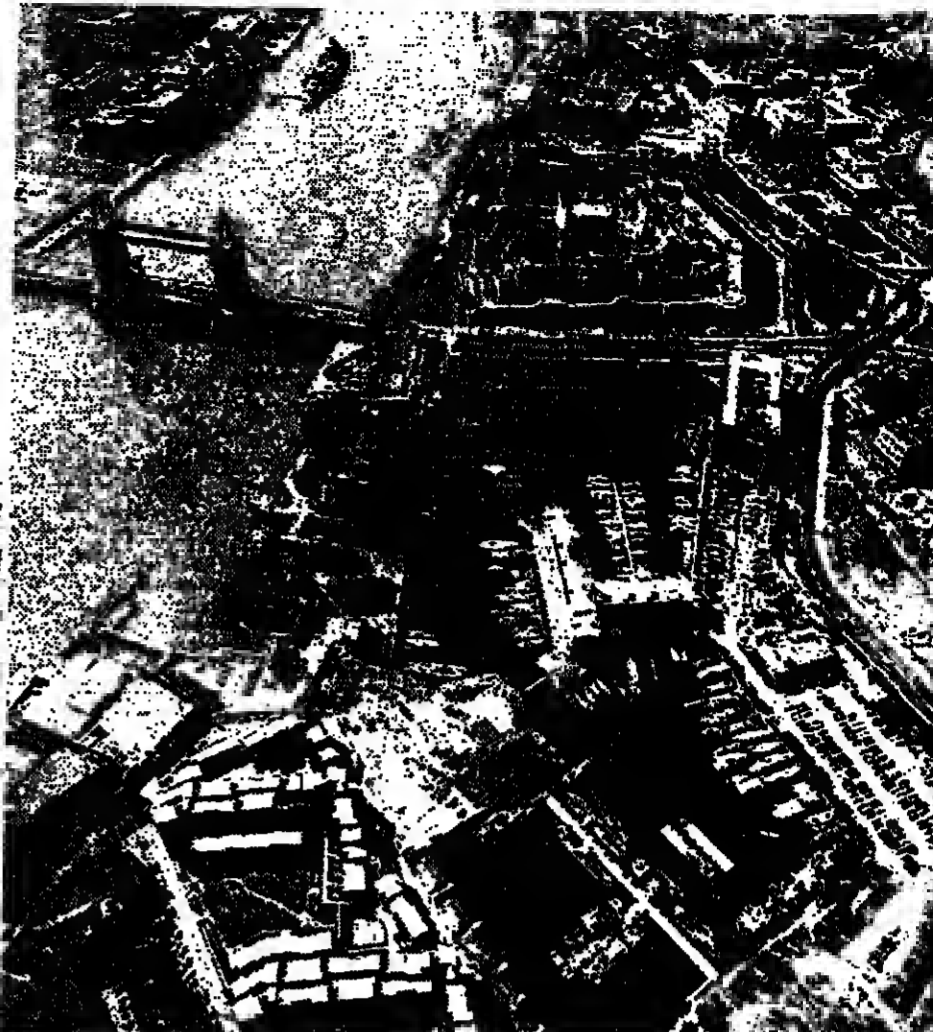
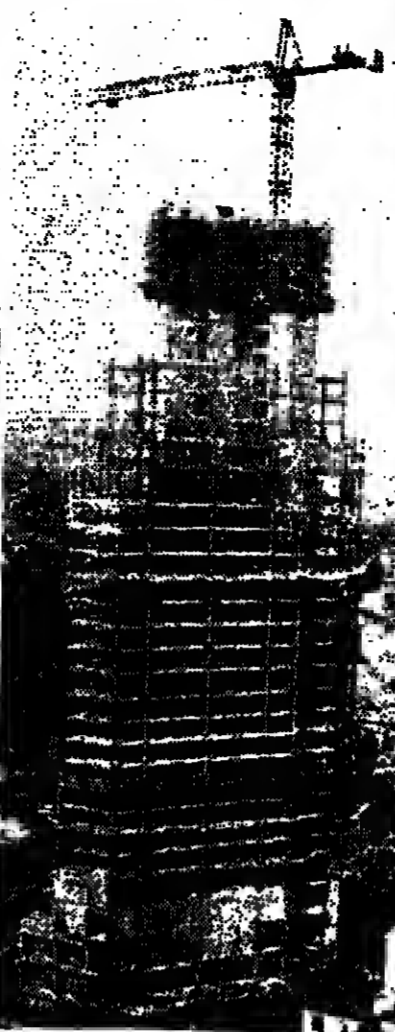
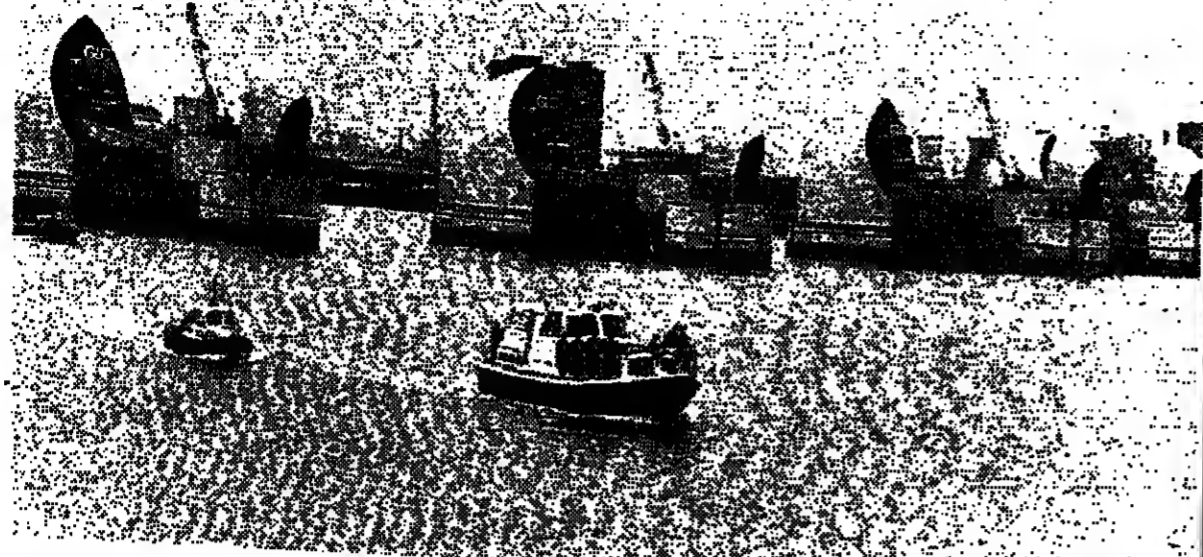
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The professionals behind some of the most prestigious projects at home and abroad last year added millions to our invisible earnings



The £500 million Thames Barrier, above, built by the GLC and an engineering triumph of the modern world; the Jing An Hilton Hotel, under construction in Shanghai, and, far right, St Katharine's Dock, the business, leisure and residential complex by the Tower of London which has created several thousand jobs. British consultants played a leading role in all projects

Consultants at work, building a worldwide reputation

Water supply in Nigeria, nuclear power for Canada, an underground railway in Hong Kong — these are just three of the many projects which have been keeping British consulting engineers busy. In Britain, the Thames Barrier, Heathrow's Terminal 4 and an automated production line for Austin Rover's Metro are yet more evidence of their work. Consulting engineers are professionals who give independent advice on all matters concerned with engineering at home and abroad.

Many of the 1,200 members of the Association of Consulting Engineers form partnerships to provide a wide range of expertise, while some work alone as specialists in their field.

Together they employ about 30,000 people, of whom two-thirds are technically qualified staff. Last year they earned £562 million in fees from overseas as a contribution to Britain's invisible earnings. At the beginning of the year they were working on overseas projects in 140 countries worldwide to a value of £51 billion.

The expertise of these consultants spans all the engineering disciplines: civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, chemical, building services, mining and metallurgy.

The range of services offered to their clients includes feasibility studies, analyses of the technical and commercial

expertise. One such joint venture covering engineering, architectural and project management consultancy is the British Metro Consultants Group, comprising 10 consultancy firms.

At home, consulting engineers are experiencing an upsurge in demand for their services, mainly from private developers, with work currently in hand about 20 per cent ahead of last year's. Abroad, the newly commissioned work in 1985 was running at twice the level of the previous year.

Fees are negotiated either as a percentage of the total cost of the project or on the basis of payment for the work done. The preparatory work necessary before a client assigns a project to one of perhaps half a dozen contending consultants can be expensive.

How can government help consulting engineers to compete successfully for work abroad, thereby benefiting employment at home and increasing our invisible earnings? The insurance provided by the Export Credits Guarantee Department gives confidence to consultants bidding for work in countries where political unrest or other problems may reduce their chance of receiving full payment for their work.

Major-General Peter Pellereau, secretary of the Association of Consulting Engineers, believes that public spending on infrastructure projects in Britain allows his members to point to their

To mark 21 years of the British Consultants Bureau, a conference opened yesterday at the London Hilton, running until tomorrow

viability of engineering projects, project management, the recommendation of suitable contractors and assessment of tenders, monitoring quality, materials and financial control.

Sometimes they are called on as arbitrators or expert witnesses in disputes which involve engineering matters and one of their main functions is to prepare and submit the detailed engineering designs required before construction can get underway.

Once the contractor has moved in, it is the consultant's job to supervise the project, ensuring that it is completed safely on time, within budget and to the required standards.

The work on which they are engaged is as varied as the engineering expertise required.

It includes the construction of roads, bridges and tunnels, railways and dams, power stations, factories, hospitals and harbours, irrigation schemes to provide vegetation in the desert, plant to process mined ores, reclamation of land from the sea, energy-efficient buildings.

Over Arup and partners, Britain's largest consulting-engineering practice, maintains branches in many countries around the world, including Singapore, Malaysia, Zambia and Australia with 60 per cent of its earnings coming from abroad.

It recently completed the construction of a headquarters for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. On some occasions consultants come together to

shop window of projects successfully completed here when bidding for work abroad.

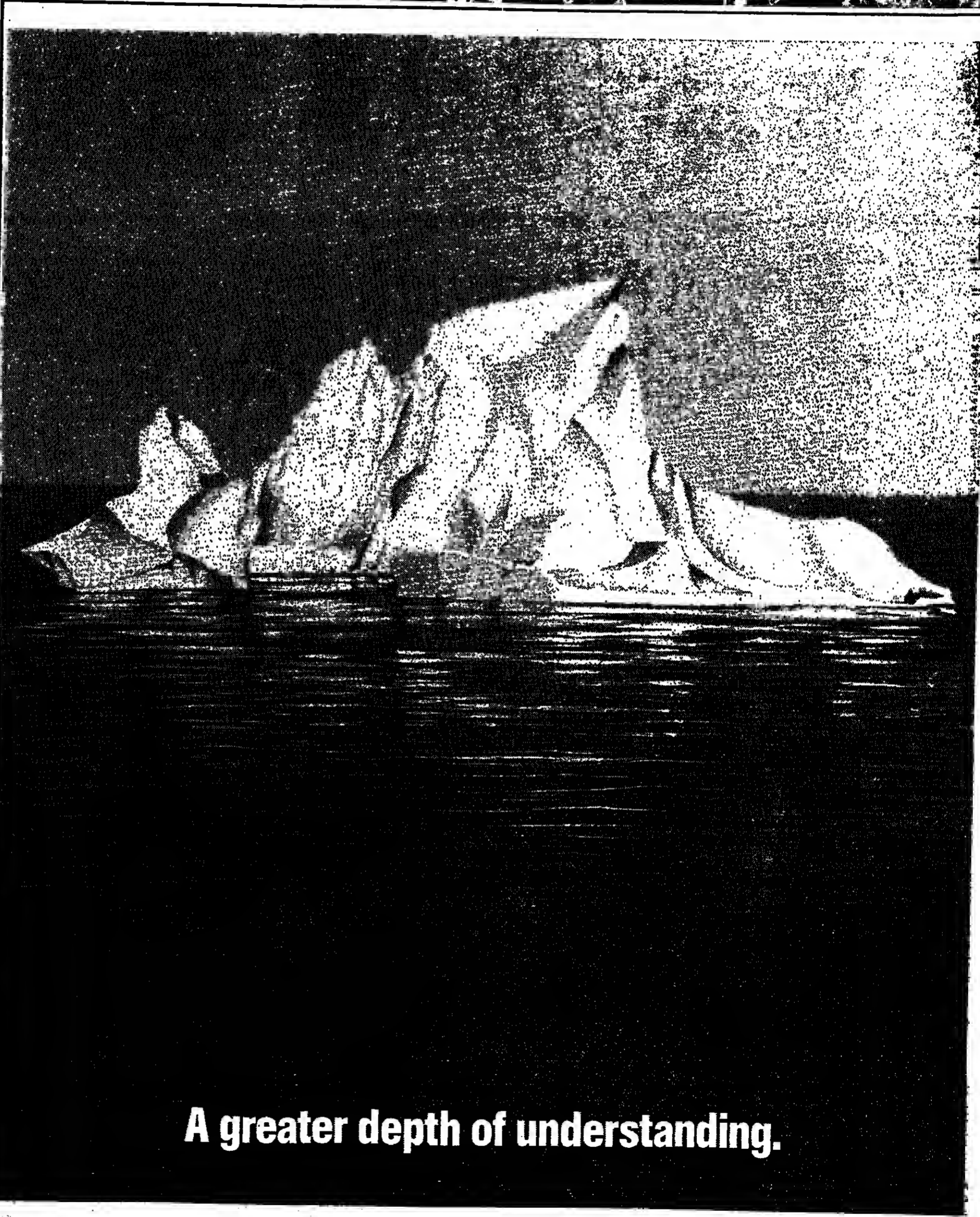
A lack of big projects at home can have a negative effect on bids for work abroad. He says: "The predilection here that price is the only form of competition is reducing quality and the stock of engineering skill in this country."

"Government seems to believe that if you go to three quality consulting engineers, you automatically get a quality solution, but firms are forced to produce engineering designs to a low price and reduce standards. In the United States the shortsightedness of this approach is already recognized."

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British consultants earn £1.2 billion a year in professional and consultancy services in invisible exports. The consultants responsible for these earnings are spread across different professional areas, each with its own professional body.

Yet there is a common meeting ground for them all, the British Consultants Bureau (BCB), which now celebrates its 21st year of promoting the export of these invisible services. Forty thousand specialist personnel are employed in consultancy firms that are members of BCB.

Though the BCB's roots lie in consulting engineering, it rapidly opened its doors to all manner of consultants. Today, the BCB has more than 300 members, including nearly all the leading consultant engineers, who comprise 43 per cent of the membership, and more esoteric consultants such as the Wildlife Research Centre.

The professional expertise represented includes agricultural management, architecture, economics, civil, structural, chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering, commercial, industrial and financial management, planning, quantity and land surveying.

There is a significant trend in overseas work, particularly in aid-funded projects to involve multi-disciplinary teams of consultants. BCB affords an important meeting place for consultants with disparate professional skills to

discuss opportunities and problems. Different interest groups are catered for in the programme of meetings and discussions which cover regional areas such as the Middle East or Asia and the Pacific, as well as a variety of sector interest groups ranging from agriculture and rural development, to tourism, leisure, sport and recreation.

BCB hosts receptions for incoming foreign potential purchasers, as well as discussions with members of the government and trade missions. It also plays an important role in briefing and debriefing British diplomats on consultancy opportunities.

According to Major General Ian Harrison, Director of BCB, the main aim is "to improve and strengthen the position of British consultants worldwide with not only foreign governments and the aid agencies, but with the British Government".

The BCB has been active in urging the Government to provide more support to British consultants, and has had some success in changing government attitudes, although not in areas such as overseas student fees.

The BCB is recognized by the Government as the focal point of British consultancy, but perhaps because of this it has taken a rather gentlemanly approach to putting forward the views of its members. The last 21 years have been a time of growth for British consultants working overseas; the next 21 years may require a more aggressive approach.

Corinne Julius



Rough riders: consultants surveying and mapping in Tanzania for rice production

Over the last five years, interest in the Third World has centred on food, or the lack of it, but according to planners the major problem that confronts the Third World is massive urbanization.

Harold Dunkerley, a senior adviser at the World Bank responsible for urban projects and policies, estimates that by the year 2000, 40 per cent of the world urban population will be centred in one of 450 cities, most in the developing world, each with a population of more than 11 million.

In the 1970s, to minimize the urban drift, great investment was put into trying to revitalize the agricultural sector. It failed to dam the flood to the cities, and in the last few years there has been an increase in urban projects aimed at the urban poor.

In the 1960s and 1970s the approach was to develop new cities in remote areas such as Brasilia in Brazil, and Abuja in Nigeria. Planners, according to Walter Bor, senior consultant at Llewellyn-Davies Weeks, are undergoing a change in philosophy.

Once the master urban plan predominated, he said: "Plans were products, a means to an end. The emerging

The experts who do more with less

philosophy is that planning is a process. Plans should evolve over time, and be flexible." This viewpoint is clearly established in practices renowned for their work overseas. Sir Andrew Derbyshire, chairman of Robert Matthew, Johnson-Marsball, feels strongly that "the big bang plans are not four-dimensional, they look solely at an end state and can't cope with unexpected pressures. Planning now is to do with the process of achieving, rather than a fixed description of an end state".

This means that British planners are today rarely involved in massive urban development projects. The planner has become actively involved in taking account of the development of new jobs and businesses, integrating houses with jobs and putting employment where people are. The emphasis is on helping the urban dweller to help himself by providing the structure, services and low-cost building materials, like, for example, bringing water,

roads, sewage disposal to squatter developments. The planner in the Third World is an enabler, a manager of urban change and this will be a major theme at the BCB conference in London this week.

The major blockbuster plans were rarely successful. Third-world governments could not maintain prestige developments, which were often monuments to emergent nationalism of little benefit to the population.

The economic depression has put a brake on large-scale plans previously flooded by a mix of national and aid schemes. Funding is now predominantly through aid agencies such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, whose own attitudes to development have undergone radical change in the last decade, as seen in the World Bank Urban Division's report, *Learning by Doing* (1982).

British planning consultants find themselves bidding for a far greater number of smaller

projects in which planning is but one element. The cost of bidding for a greater number of smaller projects is prohibitive, which makes the selection process important indeed.

Michael Welbank, chairman of Shankland Cox, says: "We are working on a large number of small projects, which are more difficult to manage. It requires greater internal flexibility. We now employ more senior people and there is less opportunity to develop junior staff."

It leads, says Mr Welbank "to planning on the hoof", a less hidebound attitude of planners, which can make it difficult for consultants to adjust to the slow bureaucratic planning process in the UK.

British planning consultants are held in high esteem abroad. Walter Bor says: "We also bring an experience of having to do more with less. The recession helps, we understand the problem of not having resources and how to handle this."

Despite keen competition from the Japanese, French and Germans, who receive their own extensive government backing, the British are holding their own.

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The new money-go-round

The financial services industry, a jewel in the UK overseas earnings crown, with receipts totalling £7.6 billion in 1985, is moving into a challenging era of upheaval. Within two weeks, the City's Big Bang will remove traditions and practices that have lasted for more than a century.

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Tied up with the Big Bang, the Financial Services Bill is to become law next year. This will embody a complete overhaul of the legal framework of the securities industry. It will make it a criminal offence for unauthorized persons to carry on investment business in Britain. The Bill proposes a system of self-regulation in the City.

The objective has been to increase investor protection without jeopardizing London's reputation as an innovative financial centre free from onerous restraints. Overall responsibility for the new City regulations will fall largely to the Securities and Investment Board (SIB). Day-to-day administrations will be handled by a several industry bodies, SROs, whose job will be to ensure that members comply with the business conduct and capital adequacy rules now being drafted.

For some areas of the financial services industry, the Bill will have no direct effect. Lloyd's and Britain's general insurance industry, which together are the biggest contributors to the sector's overseas earnings totalling £3.13 billion in 1985, will be outside its reach. But for others, like the mainly UK-based life assurance and unit-trust industries, the Bill has meant a dramatic re-think in the way products are marketed.

Yet the difficulties faced by some sectors have presented commercial opportunities for others. Accountants, in particular, are among the best placed to benefit from the changes.

In recent years, accountancy firms have been successful in developing the consultancy side of their work. Coopers & Lybrand earned 25 per cent of its £119 million fee income from consultancy in 1985-86, according to a recent survey. Less than 30 per cent of fee income earned by the top accountancy firms now results from the traditional auditing function. Though no precise figures are available, accountants through their link-ups with firms abroad, are thought to be significant earners of overseas income.

The Big Bang should also result in an increased volume of management consultancy work. The speed with which changes have been made in the City has forced some hasty alliances. Accountants will be

trying to capitalize on the new requirements of conglomerates for organizational, structural and systems advice.

The changing legislative climate has already had a commercial spin-off for some accountancy firms. The industry SROs have relied heavily on their services in drafting business rules which meet the requirements of the Bill.

But also on the horizon is a new batch of banking legislation and the Building Societies

Act. Here auditing will take on an important role in supervising the interest of investors.

The future then should be rosy but there are concerns. Some firms will need to examine how they separate their own activities - auditing and corporate finance work are potential areas of conflict - and there may be regulatory problems for firms offering an investment counselling service.

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Boom time for the management man

The fastest-growing sector of the consultancy industry, in Britain and abroad, is management consultancy. The image of the management consultant, stopwatch in hand, has long faded; it is considered a respected profession.

Management consultancy is a boom industry. The Management Consultants Association (MCA), the association for the larger practices, estimates that its members' income rose from £98,139,000 in 1984 to £142,232,000 in 1985, and that the number of consultants they employ rose in the same period from 2,902 to 3,383.

The types of organizations that need the services of management consultants are increasing and so are the range of specialist services the consultants have to offer.

The boom dates back to the early 1980s, when cash flow and profits in the private sector were severely squeezed.

Companies were pared down ruthlessly, often in the seemingly non-economical areas of personnel, training and management development. Operators were restricted; today the companies are lean and profitable. They have a reduced workforce, but suffer a shortage of specialist skills. Companies now accept the need to acquire that expertise in discreet quantities. It has become increasingly acceptable to buy in skills.

There is, said David Morris of Peat Marwick Management Consultants, "a willingness to spend to get the right answer." In 1985 association members found that private-sector work had risen by 50 per cent. This was brought about, Mr Morris said, by a

combination of economic and political stability combined with competitive instability.

Companies are searching for ways to get a competitive edge. Many organizations see the way forward through the use of information technology (IT) and need the services of management consultants in its selection and implementation.

There has been an enormous growth in the use of IT. In financial terms IT accounts for a third of all association members' work.

IT involves not only the selection of systems and technology, but how to understand and implement new management information and motivate managers and staff to respond positively and effectively to its use.

multi-disciplinary, but at the same time they have had to develop their own new specialist divisions and to increase their client base. The trigger points have been IT, recruitment and training.

Work overseas has to some extent mirrored the UK pattern. In 1985 association members earned £26,280,000 (a 25 per cent increase over 1984) from work overseas, although this year the increase has been more modest.

The EEC accounts for £10 million, the rest of Europe £3 million, the Middle East and North Africa £4.5 million, Africa south of the Sahara £4 million and North America and the Far East £2 million each.

Brian O'Rourke, director of the

changing rapidly. This is partly because of World Bank policy, which is moving from large-scale, capital-intensive projects, to institutional development.

The Middle East, despite a dip in the market remains a demanding area for consultancy, with funding coming from private and state sectors. However, Europe remains the main trading area, despite national variations often based on legal and social differences.

The problems are much the same, although there is one area in which British consultants differ from their European counterparts. Traditionally in Britain many of the larger practices are offshoots of accounting and auditing firms.

Since a Department of Trade and Industry consultative document, British firms may be pushed into separating their auditing service from their management consultancy arm. This has not been well-received within the industry and is likely to be vigorously opposed.

National boundaries, however, appear to be shrinking, partly as a result of the needs of the multinationals. Increasingly in many sectors there is a global market, for example in banking. The spread of IT is also hastening this blurring of national distinctions.

This new internationalism may well be discussed at the first International Congress of Institutes of Management Consultants, which will be held in Paris next spring. But at present it is the larger practices with overseas offices who have the edge on their smaller colleagues.

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National boundaries seem to be shrinking, partly as a result of the needs of the multinationals

A further stimulus to expansion has been the Big Bang. Financial work from feasibility studies to strategic planning and recruitment has been a major source.

Perhaps the most surprising area of growth for management consultants is the public sector. The boom originated in the 1980s with the Government's value-for-money policy. The association reports public-sector work up 30 per cent in 1984.

There has been an enormous growth in cost-cutting exercises, but preparation for privatization has also meant a ready market for skills that help to change corporate culture by changing values, attitudes and beliefs.

The new growth areas have forced management consultants to become

association, is encouraged by the level of overseas activity and the development of new markets. Britain has been successful for several reasons. First, with Commonwealth countries there are traditional trading links and the structure of the legal system and parastatal and utility companies are similar to those in Britain.

The English language is a major selling factor and it seems that the British management consultancy industry is more overseas-orientated than its international counterparts. In addition, consultants claim that British consultancy is more advanced than that of most of its competitors.

The nature of management consultancy in the developing world is



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Big bang year for surveyors

Chartered surveyors will look back on 1986 as a watershed year.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors has allowed the firms of its 55,000 members to seek outside funding. Overseas earnings will pass £100 million. (Last year the figure was £99 million, a rise of £7 million-plus on 1984.)

Surveyors come in assorted guises - in estate agencies, as quantity surveyors and in building surveying - and work in at least 140 countries around the world with British and local companies. They can be found mapping for rice production in Tanzania, surveying for gas plants in the United Arab Emirates and managing the construction of Citibank's new branch office in Brazil.

Pressure for a broader money base was behind the decision permitting outside investment in practices, taken by the RICS in July (still to be approved by the Privy Council).

Now, without compromise, members can invite international banks, insurance companies and other sources of finance to co-invest in their firms. In effect, the RICS vote on incorporation allows a partnership to become a limited-liability company with outside shareholders, who can be known funders (such as banks and pension funds) or investors sought through the Stock Exchange. Surveyors keep control over professional matters.

Ultimately the decision could affect overseas sector but initially, said Paul Orchard-Lisle, chief executive of chartered surveyors Healey and Baker, the impact is being felt here.

Even before the announcement, Lloyds Bank had taken over Black Horse agencies, the

Prudential Insurance group had stepped into the same business and so had Hambros in buying Mann & Company and Bairdrow, Eves and forming Hambro Countrywide.

The implications are obvious - people who buy houses need financial services, from loans and mortgages to insurance policies.

Though Mr Orchard-Lisle was president of RICS at the time of the rule change, his own firm has not yet felt the need to go with this modernization, although competitors have. They include the City-based firms Baker Harris Saunders and Collier & Madge.

But Michael Pattison, the secretary general of RICS, is optimistic that the move comes at an opportune time, along with the Big Bang, the Financial Services Bill and the Building Societies Act. He talks in positive terms of multiple ownership with such huge price tags attached to big city buildings that few investment funds could support a development on their own.

Healey & Baker is in no hurry to change. It is a partnership of 23 surveyors (all male) established in 1820, and with nearly 450 employees. Most are in Britain but the number abroad, about 60 brings in a healthy share of profits. The first foreign office was in Paris, established in 1971, followed by Brussels, Amsterdam and New York.

Each of the foreign companies is affiliated to the parent company but semi-autonomous, with its own local tax responsibilities. That is especially vital in the United States, where the laws of liability can result in threats of litigation, which Healey & Baker has so far avoided.

Mr Orchard-Lisle said: "In the United States we are mainly working with devel-

opers from the UK, seeking outlets there. Both Athens Prints and Knobs and Knockers want to set up small shops - we are helping them begin."

Surveyors from the firm are advising developers in Atlanta, Phoenix, Tampa and, in the West, San Francisco. Once a base is established, professionals infiltrate the local scene, inevitably training some future competitors.

Mr Orchard-Lisle is looking in another direction. "By doing business with Japanese firms here," he said, "we might gain access to the Japanese market."

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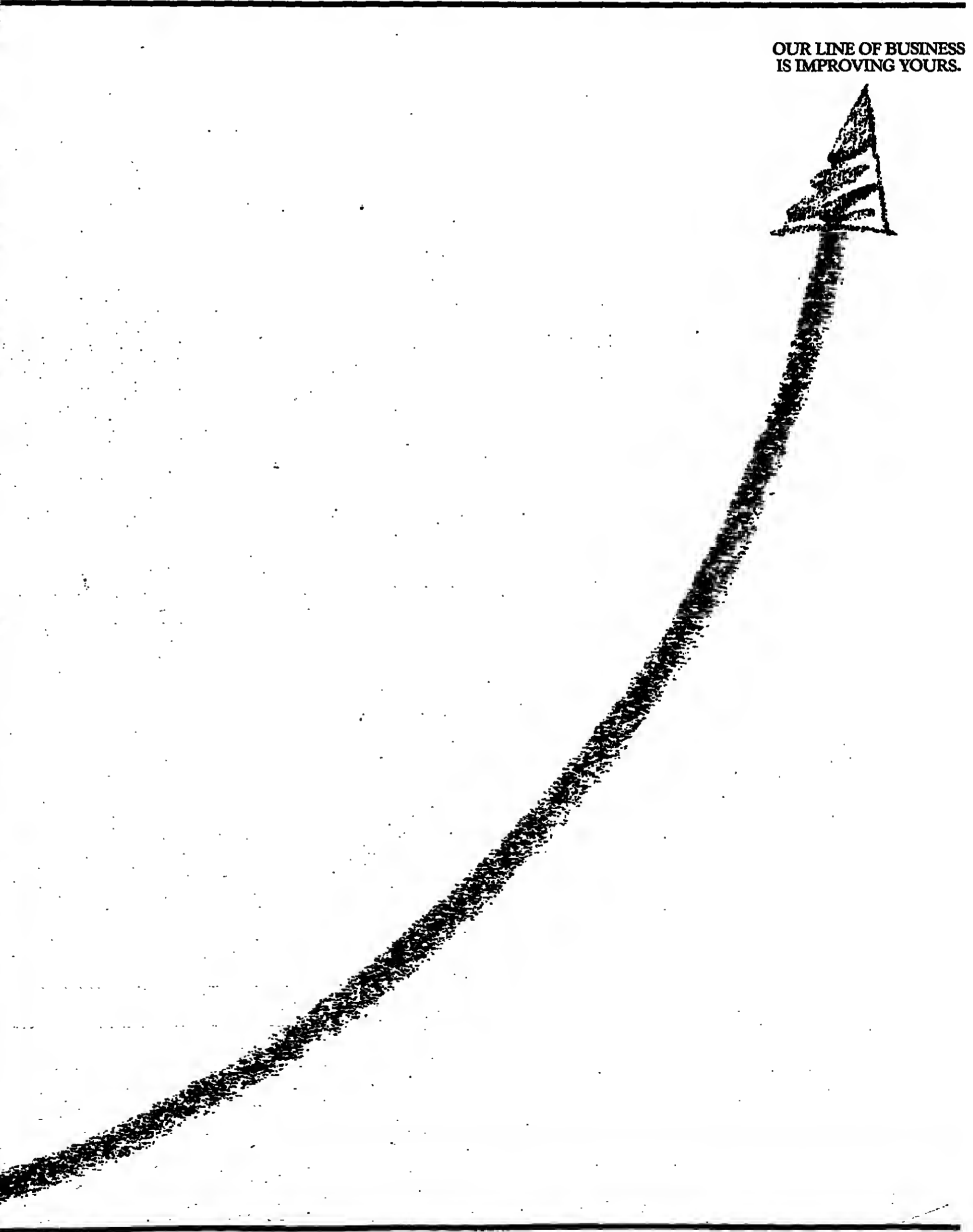
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Damages for loss of profit in land deal

Sharnesford Supplies Ltd v Edge. Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Balcombe [Judgment given October 14] Where, in breach of a contract for the sale of land, the vendor was unable to procure a decision in favour of the purchaser...

The contract, the terms of which were found to be a contract for the sale of land, was found to be a contract for the sale of land. The court found that the vendor was in breach of the contract...

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Mr Eben Hamilton, QC and Mr Terence Mowbray for the purchaser. Mr John M. Collins for the vendor, Mr Peter Horsfield, QC for Mr W.D. Ainger for the third party.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the case raised the question of the application of the rule in Bain v Fothergill in what circumstances a purchaser could rescind a contract...

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When landlord's consent not obtained

29 Equities Ltd v Bank Leumi (UK) Ltd. Before Lord Justice Dilloo, Lord Justice Goff and Lord Justice Balcombe [Judgment given October 10]

The contract for sale of the flat had entered into on July 10, 1985. The contractual completion date was Friday, November 15, 1985, and the contract incorporated the National Conditions of Sale...

The effect of condition 11(5) was that if the contract was rescinded by the vendor under that condition it was to return the deposit without interest...

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Jury direction on wounding by dog

Regina v Dume (Constantine). Before Lord Justice Mustill, Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss and Sir John Thompson [Judgment October 10]

If it were possible for a person who did not intend to cause serious injury to occur, to commit the offence of malicious wounding by releasing a dog which then bit the complainant...

The court found that the defendant was guilty of malicious wounding. The court considered the evidence and found that the defendant was in breach...

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Qualifying days for overseas tax relief

Platten (Inspector of Taxes) v Brown. For the purpose of calculating overseas earning relief for short absences from the United Kingdom, a day was granted by Schedule 10 of the Finance Act 1972...

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Hearing opposed ex parte appeals

Hunter and Partners v Welland and Partners. Although the Court of Appeal has jurisdiction to hear an appeal from the grant of interim interdictory injunctions on an "opposed ex parte" hearing...

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● FORTY MINUTES - DANCING IN THE RAIN (BBC2, 9.30pm). Yet another look at the sub-culture of ballroom dancing...

● Less happily, BRASS TACKS (BBC2, 8.20pm) points out the double standard we in Britain apply to alcohol compared to other drugs...

CHOICE illustrated film profile, presented by his son and biographer, Nathaniel Benchley, was made in 1980.

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● THE FLOWER OF ENGLISH CHIVALRY (Radio 3, 7.30pm) is a musical monument to Elizabethan poet, courtier and soldier, Sir Philip Sidney...



Having a ball: contestants in Dancing in the Rain (BBC2, 9.30pm)

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BBC2 program listings including: 9.00 Ceefax, 9.35 Dymally on Two: part four of the adventure serial in French. 10.15 Science: Public Interest? 10.15 Science: Public Interest?...

ITV/LONDON program listings including: 9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: how a new surface is laid on a busy road. 9.42 The story of The Bird on a Bus...

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